

Black December

Sehr geehrter Herr Bulcke, estimados Sr. Andres, Sr. president Santos y companero Garzon,

we have been notified that in recent days again and more than once, unionist in the region of the Valle de Cauca have been threatened with death and urged to leave the region by various paramilitary organisations. It was announced that they would get a black december and that the blood shed will start on December 2. The paramilitaries among others mention Nestlé and express themselves as if they were to protect the company against criticism. Many of the unionists named are leaders of the union Sinaltrainal and representatives of the union federation CUT and employees of your company, Herr Bulcke.

We are very concerned and horrified reading these threats, since we know that many workers' representatives who used to work with Nestlé have been murdered. This is why we urge you, to take in cooperation with the affected persons immediately all necessary measures to protect the live of the following workers' representatives who are personally named to be eliminated.

José Mauricio Valencia, Edwin Mejía Correa, Carlos Horacio García, Omar Rengifo, Wilson Riaño, Álvaro Varela, Fredy Sepúlveda, Onofre Esquivel, Pedro Nel Taguado, Julio López, Rafael Esquivel, Edgar Páez, Fabio Olaya, Alfamir Castillo, Javier Correa, Carlos Olaya, Álvaro Vega, Wilson Saenz, Diego Rodríguez.

Of course, our solidarity is valid for all other companero/as suffering persecution and threats for themselves and their families.

We are convinced that a public statement by the Nestlé that distance itself clearly from those groups and explicitly supports union activity would be a valuable signal towards the union, the public and the paramilitaries.

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