

DRAFT LETTER

*Your Address*

Señor Juan Manuel Santos  
Presidente de la República  
Palacio de Nariño, Carrera 8 No.7-26 Bogotá,  
Colombia

*Date*

Dear President Santos,

We are writing to you to express our concern for the safety of the members of the Peace Community of **San José de Apartadó** and other civilians living in the area.

We urge the Colombian authorities to order full and impartial investigations into the threats by members of the Army and threats and presence of paramilitaries and to publish the results and bring those responsible to justice.

Members of the armed forces have made public comments interpreted as threats to “exterminate” the Peace Community of San José de Apartadó.

Various made by members of the Armed Forces have been interpreted by the Peace Community as threats to “exterminate” them.

Paramilitaries continue to operate from bases they had established in the vicinity of the hamlets of the Peace Community.

We remind the authorities that civilians have the right not to be drawn into the armed conflict and that they take immediate action to dismantle the paramilitary groups and break the links with the security forces.

Yours sincerely,

*Signature(s)*