President of the Republic of Colombia Mr Iván Duque Palacio de Nariño Carrera 8 No.7-26 Bogotá Colombia

Dear President Duque,

I am writing from England to express my alarm and concern for the situation of over 7,000 Colombian people. They are from the indigenous and Afro-descendant communities of Unión Baquiaza, Egoróquera, Union Cuití, Playita, Mesopotamia and Carrillo. They live amidst the hostilities of armed groups operating in Bojayá, Chocó. Their situation is extremely serious and immediate action must be taken before conditions lead to mass killing or forced displacement.

These people have been trying to escape the consequences of the operations of the National Liberation Army and the Gaitanistas Self-Defence Forces. With only a military response from your Government, the communities feel neglected, invisible and extremely vulnerable.

I urge you to immediately deploy a comprehensive protection plan for the people at risk in these communities. Please consult and ensure their participation in this process.

Please also investigate and bring to justice any illegal activity by armed groups affecting the rights of these communities.

Yours sincerely,