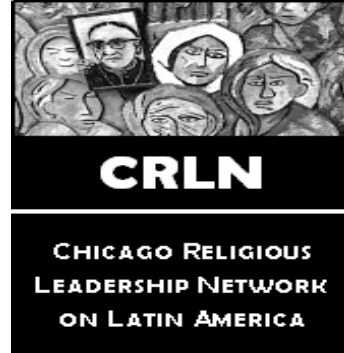




Nicaragua-United States
Friendship Office
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Open letter to the distinguished members of the international diplomatic corps and international organizations with a presence or focus on Honduras

Please receive cordial greetings from organizations seeking to promote human rights in Honduras.

We are writing to express our support for the work currently being carried out on the part of the Commission of Truth in Honduras, which was formed in June 2010, and to request that you insist on the protection of the staff of the Commission as well as all victims, families and witnesses intending to share their testimony with the Commission.

As you know, the Commission of Truth (CDV) is fulfilling the functions and objectives conferred upon it by the Human Rights Platform of Honduras. The CDV has begun the process of collecting denunciations and testimonies from victims and/or family members who have suffered human rights violations throughout the country. These testimonies will form the foundation of the Human Rights Report issued by the Commission. The CDV has contracted a multidisciplinary team of professionals and administrative personnel to carry out these functions based in San Pedro Sula and Tegucigalpa as well as mobile investigation teams which will be traveling in different regions of the country during the next months.

We understand that the Commission has provided you with information regarding this work so that your Organization, Embassy or Government has prior knowledge of the humanitarian, technical and professional work that the Commission is carrying out in case its teams should suffer and attack or repression on the part of State actors or others whose actions are tolerated by the State. In the event of an attack or repression against these human rights defenders, we will be contacting international Organizations, Embassies and Governments to support requests for protection on the part of the Commission of Truth. We underscore that the victims and/or their family members have the legitimate and universally recognized right to present their cases and to seek the truth without suffering threats, harassment or repression in any form.

We would like to express our recognition and support for the efforts on the part of some governments and international organizations to insist that the State of Honduras fulfill its

international human rights commitments and we ask that these efforts be continued. In particular we refer to the conclusions and recommendations established in the Universal Periodic Review of the United Nations Human Rights Council, UN Treaties, and the decisions/rulings of the Inter-American System for the Protection of Human Rights, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights of the Organization of American States issued before, during and after the coup d'état in Honduras. Fulfillment of these responsibilities is indispensable for the achievement of any true national reconciliation which requires that civil society be able to see in the short and medium term, the existence of conditions necessary for establishing truth, justice and reparation for the serious and systematic violation of human rights.

Sincerely,

Canada

Atlantic Regional Solidarity Network - Canada
Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace Canada
Canadian Union of Public Employees
CoDevelopment Canada
Common Frontiers-Canada
Horizons of Friendship
Maquila Solidarity Network
MiningWatch Canada
Project Accompagnement Québec-Guatemala
Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC)
Rights Action – Canada
The Social Justice Committee of Montreal
The United Church of Canada

Europe

Collettivo Italia Centro America CICA
Delegación Alemana-Austriaca a Honduras
Guatemala Solidarität Österreich, Vienna, Austria
Informationsgruppe Lateinamerika (IGLA), Vienna, Austria
Oficina Ecumenica por la Paz y la Justicia, Munich, Alemania
Movimiento Internacional de Reconciliación, Austria
Multi-Fibre Arrangement (MFA) Forum, England
ÖBV-Via Campesina Austria
Oscar Romero Haus Bonn e.V.
Plataforma de Solidaridad con Chiapas de Madrid
Queeres Bündnis Walter Tróchez, Berlín/Alemania
Unterstütztergruppe, Alemania

Latin America

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Comisión de la Verdad en Honduras
CEIBA Guatemala

Centro Memorial Martin Luther King, Cuba
COMISEDE, Peru
Coordinadora Nacional por la Integración y la Soberanía Energética (CONISE)
Jubileu Sul Brasil
La Confederación Sindical de Trabajadores/as de las Américas (CSA)
Marea Creciente, México
Otros Mundos, Chiapas
Red Jubileo Sur/Américas
Vocés Ecológicas, Panamá
SERPAJ América Latina

Republica Dominicana

Asociación Bibliotecarios Dominicana
Asociación de Parceleros de Jima
Club don Justo
Colectivo Vecinos la Piedad
Comisión Nacional de Derechos Humanos
FENTICOMMC
Foro Social Alternativo
Frente Agropecuario PRD
Frente Amplio por la Dignidad Nacional
Fuerza Juvenil Dominicana
Fuerza de la Revolución
Fuerza Unitario de Trabajadores UASD
FUT UASD
Grupo Provincial por el Desarrollo
Justicia Global
Juventud Caribe
J.V. Grito de Capotillo
MIUCA Acción por el Cambio
MOCUGRECA
Movimiento Campesino Comunidades Unidas
Movimiento de Trabajadores Independientes MTI
Movimiento Unión Popular Independiente
Mujeres al Poder
Partido Boschista Dominicano
Partido Comunista Dominicano
Red URB Popular
UPROBRISA-COMPA
Foro Reflexión

United States

American Friends Service Committee, Project Voice - New England
Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities
Alliance for Global Justice
Bail Out the People Movement

Brooklyn For Peace
Campaign for Labor Rights
Casa Morazan
Chicago-Cinquera Sister Cities
Chicago Religious Leadership Network on Latin America
Center for Constitutional Rights
Centro Presente Boston
Comité de Refugiados de El Salvador
Disciples Justice Action Network
Ecumenical Committee of English Speaking Church Personnel, Nicaragua (CEPRHI)
Fellowship of Reconciliation USA
Friends of Chilama (US-ES Sister Cities)
Friendship Office of the Americas
Forging Alliances South and North (ForAL)
Hondurans for Democracy
Honduras USA Resistencia
Immigrants Worker Center
Jobs with Justice MA
Latin America/Caribbean Solidarity Committee of the International Action Center
Latin America Solidarity Committee--Milwaukee
Latin America Task Force of Interfaith Council for Peace & Justice
La Voz de los de Abajo
Latin America/Caribbean Committee of the Loreto Community.
Marin Interfaith Task Force on the Americas
Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns
May 1st Coalition for Worker & Immigrant Rights
National Lawyers Guild Task Force on the Americas
Network in Solidarity with the People of Guatemala (NISGUA)
New Sanctuary Movement, Boston
Nicaragua Center for Community Action (NICCA)
Nicaragua Network
Nicaragua – United States Friendship Office of the Americas
Our Developing World
Pax Christi USA-National Catholic Peace Movement)
Peoples Video Network
Portland Central America Solidarity Committee
Power In Community Alliances (PICA)
Presbyterian Peace Fellowship
Proyecto Hondureño de MA
Red Nacional Ciudades Hermanas Estados Unidos - El Salvador
Rights Action –USA
Romero Interfaith Center, Philadelphia, PA
Saint Vincent de Paul Roman Catholic Church, PA
Seattle-Honduras Solidarity Committee and Seattle CISPES
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas - Institute Justice Team
SOA Watch

School of the Americas Watch West
Social Justice Commission, Dominican Friars, Central Province, USA
Southern California Immigration Coalition (SCIC)
Southern Province of Dominican Friars, USA
St. Louis Inter-Faith Committee on Latin America
STITCH
United Church of Christ Justice and Witness Ministries, Colombia Liaison
USLEAP
Witness for Peace
Women's Fight-Back Network
8th Day Center for Justice