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Dear Sirs:

We, members of the InterReligious Task Force on Central America, are extremely concerned for the safety of **Carlos H. Reyes**, a leader of the National Resistance Front (FNRP) and the Popular Bloc. On May 20 at 6:00 pm, he received a death threat on his cell phone; he heard a deep voice say, "We will cut your head off in a few days. . ." The threat was repeated three times. These threats occur in the context of a media disinformation campaign against the National Resistance Front which began when the Front started collecting signatures to demand a National Constituent Assembly to, in their opinion, return the country to democratic and constitutional order. In the past two months, eight people of the National Front have been killed, twenty-five are under death threats and twenty-six have been forced to leave the country (cf our letters of April 26 and May 11).

Between June and November 2009 (the initial months after the coup d'etat of June 28, 2009), the headquarters of the Union of Workers in the Soft Drinks Industry (STIBYS), of which Reyes was president, was the subject of violent attacks. On July 26, unidentified assailants exploded a grenade inside the union. In August, unidentified persons fired at the facilities. In July, August, September and November, tanks and military commandos were installed in front of the offices. On July 30, agents of the Preventive Police fractured Carlos Reyes' right arm while beating him with clubs and hurling insults regarding his candidacy for President of Honduras; he later withdrew his candidacy in renunciation of the coup d'etat and the de facto regime that controlled the country during the elections.

We **strongly urge** you to

- take all measures necessary to protect the life and safety of Carlos H. Reyes, in accordance with his wishes;
- ensure effective protection for all social activists in Honduras, including leaders of the National Front;
- ensure the right to defend universally recognized human rights, as stated in the Universal Declaration of United Nations Defenders adopted in 1998 and in the 1999 and 2000 resolutions of the Organization of American States (OAS).

Sincerely,

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The following people hereby urge that you take action on this matter as indicated in this letter: