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Dear Sirs,

We are shocked and devastated to learn that 130 former members of the demobilized Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) have been killed since the signing of the peace agreement between the force and the Colombian Government in 2016.

Among those most recently murdered is **Giovanny Murillas** who was killed on May 11 in Guaviare Department. The killing occurred after the AGC paramilitary group distributed pamphlets in communities in eastern Colombia which labeled FARC members as “military objectives” and announced a “plan to exterminate the guerrillas camouflaged in various social and union organizations”.


On May 14 **Jorge Enrique Corredor**, also known as “Wilson Saavedra”, a former FARC commander, was shot five times as he was buying a birthday cake for one of his five children. He died shortly after in a local health center. Before the peace talks Jorge Corredor played a key role in establishing contact between the government and the FARC. After the signing of the peace agreement, he was an administrator in the transition camp in Marquetalia where FARC members are based during their retraining and reincorporation. In recent months, he had been developing a sustainable community project in the area between FARC members and local peasant farmers which was supported by the United Nations and local authorities.

Despite the high level of risk, the vast majority of FARC members continue to work towards implementing the peace agreement and completing their transition to civil society. FARC Senator “Pablo Catatumbo”, Corredor’s personal friend, said that the murder of Corredor “should mobilize the Colombian people to protect the desire for a stable and lasting peace.”

We **strongly urge** that you

- conduct an immediate and complete investigation into the killings of Giovanny Murillas and Jorge Enrique Corredor, publish the results and bring those responsible to justice;
- guarantee political participation and reincorporation into civilian life for former FARC combatants, as agreed to in the peace agreement of 2016.

Sincerely,

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