

violations. The Attorney General recently stated that over 200 outstanding arrest warrants issued against alleged paramilitary members have still not been acted upon by the security forces

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/airmail letters in Spanish or your own language:

- expressing concern for the safety of the civilian population of Segovia and Remedios, northeast Antioquia, in view of the recent killing of Amado Porras, Conrado Tabora and Luis Orlando and threats made against the local population;
- calling for all appropriate measures to be taken to guarantee the safety of the civilian population in the area;
- urging that an immediate and thorough investigation be made into the recent killings by paramilitary forces and the threats made against the civilian population, that the results be made public, and those responsible brought to justice;
- calling for a full and impartial investigation into links between the security forces and paramilitary groups operating in the area and urging that those found responsible for supporting and participating in such groups be brought to justice;
- urging that the authorities take immediate action to dismantle paramilitary groups, in line with stated government commitments;
- reminding the Colombian government of its commitment to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, in particular Article 3: "Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person."

APPEALS TO: (Please note that faxes may be switched off at night.)

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Salutation: Excelentísimo Sr. Presidente / Dear President Samper

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Salutation: Sr. Gobernador / Dear Governor

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Salutation: Sr. Ministro/Dear Minister

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COPIES TO: Human Rights Organization, Corporación Jurídica Libertad, AA 49027, Medellín, Colombia, and to diplomatic representatives of Colombia accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 2 September 1998.

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