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COLOMBIAJaime DUQUE CASTRO

Other members of the SUTIMAC El Cairo Cement Workers Union in Santa Barbara,
department of Antioquia

It has just been confirmed that trade union leader Jaime Duque Castro was released safe and well by his abductors on 5 April.

Jaime Duque Castro, who is the president of the *Sindicato de Trabajadores de Cementos El Cairo*, (SUTIMAC), El Cairo Cement Workers Union, had been abducted on 24 March. Following his release, the *Central Unitaria de Trabajadores* (CUT), Colombian Trades Union Congress, issued a statement expressing their conviction that international support secured the safe release of Jaime Duque:

"La liberación sano y salvo de nuestro compañero consideramos se ha dado gracias a la solidaridad recibida a nivel nacional e internacional del movimiento sindical y popular así como de las distintas ONG, que a través de sus denuncias hicieron posible este importante retorno del compañero Duque",

"We believe that our colleague was released safe and well thanks to the solidarity received at the national and international level from the trade union and popular movement, as well as from different NGOs. By denouncing the abduction, they made the momentous return of our colleague Duque possible".

No further action is required by the Urgent Action network at present. Thank you for all your efforts.