

Solidarity with the working class of Colombia

We, the undersigned popular organisations of the peoples of the countryside, of the waters and of the forests of the whole world, lend our solidarity to the peasant, indigenous and Afro-descendant people who, allied to the working class of the cities, are demonstrating in Colombia to defend human rights as basic as the right to life. We salute all the collectives who are in struggle such as students, women, workers, self-employed, peasants, indigenous and Afro-descendants.

We condemn the use of military forces against the mobilised people and the criminalisation of protest. The struggle for rights is not a crime. We condemn the historical and structural use of violence against our sister organisations in Colombia, who suffer massacres, disappearances and forced displacements, threats and assassinations.

We echo the voice of the social organisations in Colombia that demand a comprehensive agrarian reform to build food sovereignty, the demilitarisation of territories, the dismantling of paramilitarism as a state policy, the renegotiation of free trade agreements that affect peasant, indigenous and Afro people, and an immediate halt to the forced eradication of illicit crops and aerial spraying with glyphosate.

The Colombian people are not alone.

Resistance is not a crime! Agrarian reform and food sovereignty now!

Signing this statement:

La Vía Campesina (LVC)

World March of Women (WMW)

World Forum of Fisher Peoples (WFFP)

International Federation of Rural Adult Catholic Movements (FIMARC)

Katarungan-Philippines

FIAN International

Focus on the Global South

Friends of the Earth International (FoEI)

Transnational Institute (TNI)

Grassroots International

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WhyHunger

Convergence Malienne contre l'Accaparement de terres (CMAT)

Convergence Globale des Luttes pour la Terra et l'Eau Afrique de l'Ouest