Coca-Cola’s Abuse of the Global Public Interest

In 2001, a lawsuit was filed against Coca-Cola by the International Labor Rights Fund (www.laborrights.org) and the United Steelworkers of America on behalf of SINALTRAINAL (the union representing Coke workers in Colombia), several of its members and the estate of Isidro Gil, one of its murdered officers.

The lawsuit charges that Coca-Cola’s bottlers in Colombia “contracted with or otherwise directed paramilitary security forces that utilized extreme violence and murdered, tortured, unlawfully detained or otherwise silenced trade union leaders.”

The seriousness of the situation is best summed up by SINALTRAINAL Vice-President Juan Carlos Galvis, who stated: “If we lose the fight against Coca-Cola, we will first lose our union, next our jobs and then our lives.”

Other crimes and abuses by Coke include:

• Overexploitation and Pollution of Water Sources in India, Mexico, Ghana and elsewhere (www.indiaresource.org)
• Benefiting from Hazardous Child Labor in Sugar Cane Fields in El Salvador
• Aggressive Marketing to Children of Nutritiously Worthless and Damaging Products
• Anti-worker Policies
• History of Racial Discrimination
• Opposition to Environmentally-Sound Bottle Deposit Bills
• Fraudulent Business Practices
An Appeal to All Communities: Stop Coca-Cola’s Abuse!

COCA-COLA’S GROSS HUMAN RIGHTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ABUSES are described on the reverse side of this flyer. We are appealing to all citizens, targets of Coke’s advertising, to remove all Coke products from their communities until the company acts responsibly. Coke wants to make all schools, businesses, cities and towns a venue for the sale of its products.

All evidence shows that Coca-Cola is a corporate system full of lies, deception, immorality, corruption and gross human rights and environmental abuses. No community that prides itself a center of ethics and morality should be lending its name and credibility to Coca-Cola, nor serve as a marketplace or venue for its advertising.

We hope that your community will protect its integrity and stand up for human rights and the environment. Please join the campaign to remove Coca-Cola products from your community!

STAND UP FOR HUMAN RIGHTS & THE ENVIRONMENT!
BECOME A COCA-COLA-FREE COMMUNITY!
PLEASE REMOVE ALL COKE PRODUCTS, INCLUDING:
Dasani, Fanta, Minute Maid, Nestea, Odwalla, Powerade and Sprite

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