WHEREAS, Coca-Cola's Latin American affiliate, Coca-Cola/FEMSA, operates bottling plants in Colombia, and

WHEREAS, since 1995, union officials and unionized employees of Coca-Cola's Colombian affiliate have been subjected to numerous attacks and physical threats from paramilitary forces, and

WHEREAS, SINALTRAINAL a union representing employees at Coca-Cola's Colombian plants, have made allegations of collusion between paramilitary forces and officials of Coca-Cola's Colombian bottling affiliate, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Canadian Labour Congress endorse the sending of an independent delegation of inquiry to Colombia in January, 2006, to examine the charges of collusion in anti-union violence that have been made against officials of Coca-Cola's bottling plants in that country, and that the delegation includes representatives from Colombian human rights organizations and international human rights organizations.