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MURDER ATTEMPT AGAINST JUAN CARLOS GALVIS, LEADER OF THE SINALTRAINAL UNION

On Friday, August 22, 2003, at 12:10 in mid-day, a murder attempt was committed against the life of JUAN CARLOS GALVIS, worker at the transnational corporation Coca-Cola in Barrancabermeja, President of the Subdirectiva of the Central Unitaria de Trabajadores de Colombia "CUT" and of the branch of our union in that oil town in Colombia.

In the moment in which Juan Carlos was being driven to his house, two men who were riding on a motorcycle fired several shots at him, which were repelled by the bodyguards of the compañero, saving his life and preserving his security. The murder attempt was committed 50 meters away from the corner of street 47 and avenue 19, in front of the Colegio Santo Tomas, in the moment in when he was being transported from the office of the union of the public works company of Barrancabermeja towards his site of residence.

In Caracol News, August 22, 7 PM edition, the reporter announced to the entire country that this murder attempt was presumably committed by paramilitaries. Effectively, in the last few months, these groups have been constantly sending threats against the life of Juan Carlos Galvis and other union leaders of SINALTRAINAL and the Central Unitaria de Trabajadores "CUT."

On July 20, 2001, through his lawyer in the United States, Juan Carlos Galvis presented a lawsuit against the transnational corporation Coca-Cola and other companies for the death threats that he has been a victim of. Other lawsuits alleging human rights violations were presented in the same court in Miami by other victims and by SINALTRAINAL.

On July 22 of this year, in press conference in several cities on five continents, including Barrancabermeja, we announced to the world the beginning of the International Campaign Against Coca-Cola, for the violations that this corporation is committing against the rights of workers and communities. Juan Carlos was responsible for the press conference which took place in Barrancabermeja.

We ask social, human rights, and popular organizations to denounce this new attempt against SINALTRAINAL. Send letters of protest to:

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