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Dear Sirs:

The openly brazen character of the death threats directed against **SINALTRAINAL** leaders, their families and Coca-Cola workers demonstrates how little the authors of the threats have to fear from the constituted authorities who are supposedly responsible for the safety and security of the people of their country.

On May 15 written death threats, signed by the paramilitary death squad MAS (Muerte a Sindicalistas/Death to Trade Unionists), were found at the union's headquarters in Barranquilla. They singled out the following nine union leaders: **Euripides Yance, Campo Elias Puintero, Limberto Carranza, Jesus Tovar, Eduardo Arévalo, Tomas Ramos, Henry Gordón, Gaston Tesillo and Carlos Hernández.** The following day Euripides Yance and Limberto Carranza received death threats by telephone at their homes. The death squad MAS has committed waves of political killings targeting trade union leaders in Atlántico Departament since the 1980s.

We implore the Colombian national government to:

- investigate the facts,
- find the responsible parties and
- guarantee the lives and integrity of SINALTRAINAL affiliates and their families.

Thank you for your prompt attention.

Sincerely,

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 Coordinator

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The following people hereby urge you to take action on this matter as indicated in this letter: