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February 5, 2012

Dear Sir and Madam:

We are deeply concerned for the safety of the **families of Eva Alarcon** and **Marcial Bautista**, members of the Organization of Peasant Environmentalists of the Sierra de Petatlan (OCESP) and supporters of the Movement for Peace with Justice and Dignity (MPJD), who were abducted and disappeared on December 7, 2011 by armed men believed to be police officers (cf our letter of Dec 13, 2011).

Victoria Bautista Bueno and Coral Rojas Alarcon, the adult daughters of Eva Alarcon and Marcial Bautista, filed a complaint with both the Federal and Guerrero State Attorney General's offices, calling on them to investigate the enforced disappearance. On December 20, they received telephone calls in which an anonymous caller warned them not to get involved further in the case. Both daughters have since reported being followed on various occasions. The federal authorities have provided some protection to the families of the missing activists, but it has not been consistent.

There has been no further progress in the investigation into the murder of MPJD activist Trinidad de la Cruz Crisoforo, whose tortured body was found on December 7 in Michoacan State.

We believe that the forced disappearance of Eva Alarcon and Marcial Bautista and the murder of Trinidad de la Cruz Crisoforo are related to their active support of the work of the Movement for Peace with Justice and Dignity which campaigns to end violence, human rights violations and impunity that have become endemic in many parts of Mexico.

It is the responsibility of state and federal authorities to hold accountable those responsible for abuses such as those described here. Therefore, we **strongly urge you to**

- guarantee the safety of Victoria Bautista Bueno and Coral Rojas Alarcon, ensure that they are provided with effective protection (in accordance with their wishes) and that all threats and incidents of intimidation and harassment are investigated;
- establish the whereabouts of Eva Alarcon and Marcial Bautista and ensure their safety;
- carry out a prompt, full, and impartial investigation into the abduction and killing of Trinidad de la Cruz Crisoforo in Santa Maria Ostula;
- Ensure that any public officials found to be responsible for enforced disappearances are accountable for their crimes, as set out in Mexican law.

Sincerely,

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