



**Trades Union Congress**

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Dear Ambassador

**Murder of trade union leader Fernando Florez**

We have been informed that on the 27 September 2013 at 7 pm the trade unionist Fernando Flórez Viveros, President of the Expreso Palmira trade union, a FESINUVALC affiliate and Transport Secretary of the CTC Valle branch affiliated to the International Trade Union Confederation and the Trade Union Confederation of the Americas, was murdered in his home in Cali City.

As always we strongly condemn the violence against trade unionists in Colombia and we urge you to inform your government of our demand that it immediately implements the necessary measures to investigate this crime in order to bring to justice those responsible for the brutal murder of our colleague.

This attack is clear proof that right to life of Colombian trade unionists remains under constant threat despite a fall in the overall rate of violent crime in your country.

The Colombian government has the primary responsibility for safeguarding the lives and the physical integrity of all its citizens in accordance with the international human rights treaties ratified by Colombia. We call on your President to urgently implement the necessary measures to guarantee fundamental rights and the legitimate exercise of trade union freedom of association.

Yours sincerely

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