



**Trades Union Congress**

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Dear Ambassador

**Safety fears for trade unionists Igor Diaz Lopez and Aldo Raul Amaya Daza**

On behalf of the TUC, British workers and the 6 million members of our affiliated unions I write to express our concern over the safety of Igor Diaz Lopez, president and Aldo Raul Amaya Daza, treasurer of Sindicato Nacional de los Trabajadores de la Industria de Carbon (SINTRACARBON), their families and other members of SINTRACARBON.

We understand that on 10 January Igor Diaz Lopez's wife received a telephone death threat, to her mobile, against her family whilst Aldo Raul Amaya Diaz has received threatening calls on 6, 7 and 8 January and on one occasion a man called at his home in the north eastern department of La Guajira, warning Amaya "to be careful, because he is in our sights".

These men have been part of team negotiating a labour agreement with a coal company on behalf of mineworkers.

We ask you to urge the relevant authorities to take appropriate measures to protect these trade unionists and their families.

We also support calls for a full and impartial investigation into the death threats against Mr Diaz Lopez and Mr Amaya Daza, the publication of the results of the investigation and bringing those responsible for the threats to justice.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frances O'Grady". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**FRANCES O'GRADY**  
General Secretary