



Canada must speak out for the survival of indigenous peoples at risk of extinction in Colombia



To:

The Honourable John Baird,
Federal Minister of Foreign Affairs

Dear Minister Baird,

The Colombian Constitutional Court has ordered emergency measures to protect Indigenous Peoples in Colombia that are on the verge physical and cultural extinction. The Colombian government says it is addressing the issue. But the lives of Indigenous peoples are still in danger.

The National Indigenous Organization of Colombia (ONIC) and the UN Special Rapporteur on Indigenous Peoples have called for the UN Special Representative on the Prevention of Genocide to visit Colombia to verify the situation.

I call on you to use Canada's special relationship with Colombia to press for full compliance with the protective measures ordered by the Colombia Constitutional Court so that Indigenous peoples can live safely on their own lands. Canada should also support calls for a visit to Colombia by the UN Special Advisor on the Prevention of Genocide.