

San Salvador, El Salvador, June 14, 2011.

Mr. Luis Moreno Ocampo  
Prosecutor  
International Criminal Court,

**Preliminary examinations in Colombia and Honduras: the importance of opening investigations and conducting *in situ* visits**

In the context of the Coalition for the International Criminal Court's Regional Strategy Meeting for the Americas, the undersigned civil society organizations participating in this meeting are writing to urge you to open investigations in Honduras and Colombia as well as to request that during your last months in office as Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC), you visit these two countries that are currently under preliminary examination.

To this end, Mr. Prosecutor, we support the calls made by organizations in both Colombia and Honduras who have requested that you open investigations and visit the countries before the end of 2011, as well as present the assessments carried out by your office regarding preliminary examinations in these two cases. We hope that through these actions you will be able to further continue to discuss the OTP's conclusions and recommendations on these situations under analysis with different government entities, civil society organizations and victims.

We are convinced, Mr. Prosecutor, that the opening of these investigations and your presence in these two countries will enhance the political will to investigate and prosecute those responsible for crimes which would fall under the jurisdiction of the ICC, in particular for those bearing the greatest responsibility. These actions will also send a clear message that the Office of the Prosecutor will take a strong stand against impunity and will actively foster the role of national judiciaries in these countries, thus contributing in deterring the perpetration of future crimes.

We look forward to your positive feedback.

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration.

Guatemalan Coalition for the International Criminal Court  
Mexican Coalition for the International Criminal Court

Salvadorian Coalition for the International Criminal Court  
Centro de Derechos Humanos y Justicia de Género, Humanas, Colombia  
Centro de Estudios de Guatemala  
Centro Nicaragüense de Derechos Humanos –CENIDH  
Centro para la Promoción de los Derechos Humanos de El Salvador  
Centro de Investigación y Promoción de los Derechos Humanos - CIPRODEH  
Comisión de Derechos Humanos de Honduras- CODEH  
Colectivo de Abogados “José Alvear Restrepo” de Colombia –CAJAR  
Comisión Colombiana de Juristas- CCJ  
Comisión de Derechos Humanos de El Salvador.  
Comisión Mexicana de Defensa y Promoción de los Derechos Humanos- CMDPDH  
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