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## Campaign for Labor Rights ACTION ALERT

May 8th, 2009

IN THIS ALERT YOU WILL FIND...

We are saddened to receive word that Colombian Political Prisoner Lilianny Obando has been the victim of a campaign of harassment. Yet we are also inspired to see how diligently she nonetheless continues to work, from behind bars, for a just peace in Colombia and for the rights of prisoners and for a humanitarian exchange of political prisoners in Colombia. Especially moving is the report Lilianny recently sent us about the conditions of women political prisoners and their experiences as mothers. Let's use our freedom to fight for the rights of these women and comrades in struggle!

In this alert you will find:

- \* STOP THE HARASSMENT OF LILIANY OBANDO!
- \* LILIANY OBANDO'S REFLECTIONS FROM THE BUEN PASTOR WOMEN'S PENITENTIARY
- \* JOIN OUR AUGUST DELEGATION TO COLOMBIA, HOSTED BY THE FENSUAGRO UNION OF FARMERS, FARM WORKERS, AND AQUACULTURAL WORKERS!

**STOP THE HARASSMENT OF LILIANY OBANDO!**



***Liliany Obando, Human and Labor Rights Advocate, Sociologist, Filmmaker...and Colombian Political Prisoner***

We received the following alert about a campaign of harassment that Liliany is enduring at the Buen Pastor Women's Penitentiary. To learn more about Liliany's case, [please read and have your organization endorse this resolution calling for Liliany's freedom.](#)

From our friends in Australia's Peace and Justice in Colombia:

**Stop the harassment of Liliany Obando!**

Peace and Justice for Colombia protests in the strongest possible terms the harassment and psychological pressure being inflicted upon political prisoner Liliany Obando currently held in the "El Buen Pastor" Women's Prison in Bogota, Colombia. We are disturbed by reports that the trade union official and human rights activist is being forced out of her quarters and obliged to sleep on the ground as part of a campaign to move her out of the section of the prison in which she is being held at present.

We understand that she must stay in this special area of the prison because of a previously existing medical condition and that her condition would deteriorate should she be forced to move out of her current cell and into the general prison population. We are extremely concerned for Liliany's personal security in the event she is removed from her current quarters.

Liliany is the first victim of the efforts of the government of President Alvaro Uribe to distract public attention away from embarrassing revelations about the links between his government and brutal paramilitary groups. She has already

been denied her right under the constitution as the head of her family to home detention in order to look after her two young children.

We call on human rights and international solidarity groups to appeal to the authorities in Colombia to ensure that Lilianny's safety and wellbeing is safeguarded while she awaits her trial on charges we are convinced are politically motivated.

Peace and Justice for Colombia, PJFC

### **WHAT CAN YOU TO DO TO HELP FREE LILIANY OBANDO?**

- Write to the Colombian government to demand that the Colombian regimen free Lilianny Obando as she is innocent of any of the fabricated charges and it guarantees the safety of Lilianny and her family.
- Write to Human Rights organisations asking them to monitor the safety of Lilianny and her family and demand a Humanitarian Exchange of political prisoners.
- Organize support for Lilianny with resolutions from your student groups, anti-war coalitions, solidarity organisations, religious groups, local unions and international conventions.
- Make a donation towards the campaign to free Lilianny Obando.

Send your messages and letters to:

- The Attorney General's office. Emails: [contacto@fiscalia.gov.co](mailto:contacto@fiscalia.gov.co) & [denuncias@fiscalia.gov.co](mailto:denuncias@fiscalia.gov.co)
- President Álvaro Uribe. Email: [auribe@presidencia.gov.co](mailto:auribe@presidencia.gov.co)
- Interamerican Commission for Human Rights. Email: [cidhoea@oas.org](mailto:cidhoea@oas.org)
- UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. Email: [oacnudh@hchr.org.co](mailto:oacnudh@hchr.org.co)
- Colombian Embassy in United States. Email: [embassyofcolombia@colombiaemb.org](mailto:embassyofcolombia@colombiaemb.org)

Copy your messages to:  
[clr@clrlabor.org](mailto:clr@clrlabor.org)

**Lilianny's Reflections from the Buen Pastor Women's Penitentiary: Remember Mothers Behind Bars for Mothers' Day...Especially Colombia's Political**

## **Prisoners Who are Mothers**

This is a moving account from Liliany about mothers in the Buen Pastor Women's Penitentiary who are separated from their families because of their work for a just peace in Colombia. This was translated into English by the Campaign for Labor Rights. Please Read!

[Liliany's Mothers' Day Reflections](#)

## **JOIN CLR'S FARMER-LABOR DELEGATION TO COLOMBIA IN AUGUST!**

This is going to be an exciting delegation hosted by FENSUAGRO, Colombia's largest union of farmers, farm workers, and aquacultural workers. We'll be visiting cooperative and family farms and community meetings in Western, Central, and Northern Colombia (including two days along the Caribbean coast). Especially exciting is that we have been invited to attend FENSUAGRO's National Congress! For more information:

### **[FARMER-LABOR DELEGATION TO COLOMBIA!](#)**

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