

I respectfully express concern for the families displaced from Hacienda Bellacruz, and their leaders. I would like to call on the authorities to order a full and impartial investigation into the 20 August incident, the 14 August attack and previous death threats, and bring those responsible to justice.

I further urge the authorities to provide effective protection to those who request it, in strict accordance with their wishes.

lastly I would like to urge the authorities to take immediate action to dismantle paramilitary groups, in line with stated government commitments and recommendations made by the UN and other intergovernmental organizations.

Sincerely yours,