

I am writing to express my concern for the safety of Blanca Nubia Díaz and her family, and urging the authorities to guarantee their safety in strict accordance with their wishes.

I would like to call on the authorities to order a full and impartial investigation into the threats against Blanca Nubia Díaz and her family as well as the rape, torture and killing of Irina del Carmen Villero Díaz in 2001 and the rape of another daughter in 2014, publish the results and bring those responsible to justice.

I am also urging you to take immediate action to dismantle paramilitary groups and break their links with the security forces, in line with stated government commitments and UN recommendations made by the UN and other intergovernmental organizations.

At the same time I am urging you and other authorities to follow-up on the recommendations and conclusions of international and regional mechanisms for protection of women's rights and combating violence against women.

Your attention on this matter and action would be highly appreciated.

Best regards,