

I am writing this to express my grave concern for the safety of the members of the Peace Community of San José de Apartadó and other civilians living in the area.

Over the last few months, scores of paramilitaries have been intermittently camped in various parts of the Peace Community of San José de Apartadó, which has placed members of the community and other local inhabitants at serious risk.

I, therefore, urge you to take immediate action to dismantle paramilitary groups and break their links with the security forces, in line with stated government commitments.

May I remind you that civilians, including the San José de Apartadó Peace Community and other civilians living in the area, have the right to not be drawn into the armed conflict.

Thank you for your prompt attention to the above.

Sincerely yours,