

I am writing to express my grave concern on José Ángel Flores and other Campesino activists who have been either shot to death or threatened or attacked by unidentified groups. The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) granted precautionary measures to both human rights defenders in 2014, along with another 121 leaders of the campesino movements in the region.

I am therefore urging the authorities to take prompt, appropriate and effective measures to protect the lives and personal integrity of all the campesino human rights defenders covered by the IACHR precautionary measures - Campesino Leaders of Bajo Aguán, Honduras.

I am also calling on them to initiate a prompt, impartial and thorough investigation into the murders of José Ángel Flores and Silmer Dionisio George, to identify both the material and intellectual perpetrators and bring those to justice. The authorities should protect MUCA members as well as other campesino movements in accordance with their specific needs and adopted and implemented in consultation with them.

Your attention on this matter would be highly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,