

I am writing to express my grave concern on threatening against indigenous organizations that defend human rights as the National Indigenous Organization of Colombia (ONIC) reported that several threatening pamphlets against indigenous organizations defending human rights were found on the streets and railroad tracks of the municipality of Uribia in the department of La Guajira, north of Colombia.

The threatening pamphlets were directed against representatives of the following indigenous organizations of La Guajira: Wayuu Nation (Wayúu Nación), Wayúu Araurayu, Wayuu Women's Force Observatory (Observatorio Fuerza de Mujeres Wayúu) and ONIC. In its public statement, ONIC accused the paramilitary group Black Eagles (Águilas Negras in Spanish), of which the local armed group in the region is known as Bloque Capital, to have issued the pamphlets.

I would urge authorities to conduct a prompt, thorough and impartial investigation of the threats against these indigenous human rights organizations, and bring all those found responsible to justice.

I would also call on them to fully and immediately implement the collective Prevention and Protection Plan for this indigenous organizations, taking into account the previous consultation about the measures and demand them to take immediate steps to overcome the structural causes behind the threats and attacks faced by human rights defenders in the context of their work in defence of human rights guarantees for Wayuu Indigenous People in La Guajira.

Sincerely,