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COLECTIVO CEAAL COLOMBIA

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STATEMENT AGAINST THE MASSACRE AND VIOLENT REPRESSION OF SOCIAL PROTESTS IN COLOMBIA

On April 28, different social, popular and political actors in the country called for a march as a means of protest against the tax reform proposed by the government of Ivan Duque. A measure that adds to a series of decisions and actions that have plunged Colombia into a deep social, economic and political crisis.

The systematic assassination of social leaders, the resumption of glyphosate spraying practices, health reform, the non-fulfillment of the agreements signed in Havana, the funding of public education, the high level of unemployment, and a fiscal policy that favored the country's large financial conglomerates during the most difficult moments of the pandemic, were all factors that provoked a massive outpouring of protests in the Colombian streets in the midst of the highest and deadliest peak of the pandemic, averaging about 500 deaths per day

The state's response to the strength and heroism demonstrated by the youth was swift. Various human rights organizations denounce the fact that between April 28 at 6:00 a.m. and May 4, there were more than 30 deaths, 1,181 cases of police violence, 142 victims of physical violence by the police, 761 arbitrary detentions, 216 violent interventions in demonstrations, 17 victims of aggression, 56 cases of shooting, 319 complaints of disappearance, and 9 cases of sexual violence by the security forces.

From this point of view, the Colombian Collective of the Council of Popular Education of Latin America and the Caribbean (CEAAL) calls for a campaign of international denunciation of the actions that the genocidal government, in complicity with certain mayors, is carrying out against the Colombian population and in particular against the youth.

For this reason, we demand:

- That the various social, popular, political, cultural and economic movements in our region and in other countries of the world carry out immediate actions of denunciation and solidarity, and that they publicly condemn in front of the Colombian embassies of their countries the situation that is being lived today in Colombia.
- That this declaration regarding the situation of human rights violations in Colombia be shared with left-wing political parties around the world, and that they be invited to declare the corresponding denunciations.
- That other international networks be invited to denounce the grave situation in our country.

In addition to this, the CEAAL Colombia collective is committed to supporting, promoting and participating in the national strike:

- It welcomes and supports the adherence to the strike of organized social and popular expressions such as the indigenous Minga, truck and cab drivers.
- It denounces and promotes the dismantling of the Mobile Riot Squad (ESMAD) as a disproportionate and lethal force against the legitimate right of the population to social protest.
- It stands in solidarity with the families of the young men and women who have been murdered and raped in various ways by the forces of the state.

We reaffirm our commitment as popular educators to the fundamental transformations that the country needs. The strength and commitment of young people in the streets allow us to better understand the emancipatory potential of popular education.

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We invite you to adhere to the statement via the following link:

<https://forms.gle/WapmiU7JP8KiWJVY8>

You can see the statement in:

<http://ceaal.org/v3/pronunciamientoceaal-frente-a-masacre-en-colombia-4mayo2021/>