

WRITTEN QUESTION E-6145/08  
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to the Council

Subject: Threats to the security of members of the Inter-Church Commission of Justice and Peace

Is the Council aware of the concerns for the safety of members of the Inter-Church Justice and Peace Commission (CIJP) due to the eight death threats they have received since 24 August 2008, and the temporary kidnapping of one of its members, Yimmi Armando Jansasoy Muñoz, in Chigorodó on 3 September?

Does the Council realise that should the death threats and the kidnapping force CIJP to leave the area of Curbaradó, the Afro-Colombian and mestizo communities will be left in a vulnerable position and the legal process of returning the lands to the Curbaradó will be put in jeopardy?

Has the Council had discussions on encouraging the Colombian authorities to develop a full and impartial investigation into the threats against CIJP in order to identify and punish those responsible for the threats against CIJP's members and the kidnapping of Yimmi Armando Jansasoy Muñoz, and will the Council ensure that these results are published?

Will the Council consider making a public expression of support for the lawful and legitimate work of CIJP to enable CIJP to continue its work in defending human rights in the Curbaradó river basin and the rest of Colombia?