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Driebergen,

Dear Mr. Gustavo Petro,

I am writing to express concern for the safety of the members of the Regional Corporation for the Defence of Human Rights (CREDHOS). CREDHOS isa an organization committed to the defence, promotion, and protection of human rights in the Magdalena Medio region for over 30 years. Due to their work, CREDHOS staff have been threatened, harassed, and killed.

In April 2023, their members received at least two death threats and attacks. The latest on April 11th, when civilians armed with weapons attacked staff members of CREDHOS that were accompanying an administrative police procedure in Barrancabermeja. On April 10th an explosive artefact was found five meters away from the office of CREDHOS.

I urge you to provide CREDHOS and its staff with effective individual and collective protection, articulating the action of the ministers of Defence, Justice, the Interior, the National Protection Unit, and the high Commissioner for Peace for this purpose.

Yours sincerely,

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