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Mr Eamon Gilmore TD
Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs
Department of Foreign Affairs,
Iveagh House,
Dublin 2

Re: Trade Union Rights in Colombia

Dear Tánaiste

I am writing to you once again to draw your attention to the issue of the violation of human rights, including trade union rights, in Colombia and in particular regarding the recent arrest of the trade union leader Huber Ballesteros. We have written to the Colombian Ambassador (enclosed) to express in the strongest possible terms our outrage at his recent detention and to call for the necessary steps to be taken to ensure Mr Ballesteros is released without delay. We would urge you to use whatever diplomatic channels available to express the Irish Government's displeasure at such events and to please raise the issue within the EU also.

Yours sincerely



David Begg
General Secretary