

**BUILDING ALTERNATIVES:
VYTVÁŘÍME ALTERNATIVY:**
2ND CONGRESS OF THE 
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ADOPTED MOTION

STOP THE LOW-INTENSITY WAR IN COLOMBIA

The EL Congress condemns the continuing abuses against human rights in Colombia and the Colombian Government's antidemocratic policies, links with paramilitary death squads and use of violence to silence political opponents, trade unionists, human rights defenders and other members of civil society.

The EL deplors that Colombia is the most dangerous country in the world to be a trade unionist. Last year 72 trade unionists were murdered, the vast majority by the armed forces and their paramilitary allies. Only since 1991, 2245 trade unionists were killed according to Amnesty International-Spain's report. The EL criticizes the present Colombian government for having chosen a military solution instead of a political dialogue.

The Congress endorses the calls from Colombian civil society, supported by the EU to:

- i) support a humanitarian exchange of prisoners and hostages and a negotiated political settlement to the conflict.
- ii) support and increase the solidarity to all Colombian civil society.
- iii) increase the links with the Colombian left wing, democratic forces, NGOs and social organisations.
- iv) the Colombian Government to respect, protect and fulfil human rights in Colombia.

stop the selective violence and the "dirty war" against the Colombian people.