## FOUR STEPS FOR HOPE AND CHANGE IN US-COLOMBIA RELATIONS

A PROJECT OF THE CAMPAIGN FOR LABOR RIGHTS and THE ALLIANCE FOR GLOBAL JUSTICE

We call on the members of the US Congress and the Obama Administration to use their votes and influence to:

- 1) Reject any attempts to pass a US-Colombia Free Trade Agreement;
- 2) End military aid to Colombia;
- 3) Stop the extrajudicial executions and forced displacements of Colombian farmers, unionists, opposition leaders, and indigenous and Afro-Colombian communities;
- 4) Free Colombia's Political Prisoners, arrested on the basis of false, paid, and/or discredited testimony.

Each year, more union members are assassinated in Colombia than in the rest of the world combined and over 4 million Colombians have been forced out of their homes. Sixty per cent of the displaced are family farmers and farm workers. The vast majority of this political violence is at the hands of the Colombian military and paramilitaries; yet the US government supplies Colombia with millions of dollars in military aid each year. In 2008, murders of union members rose 25%, forced displacements rose 41%, and the number of political prisoners grew to more than 7,200. All this is part of a crackdown on dissent so that Colombia's land and resources can be turned over for transnational corporate development. A US-Colombia Free Trade Agreement would complete this process. It would destroy family and sustainable farms in both the US and Colombia, much as NAFTA has hurt farming communities in the US, Canada, and Mexico. NO MORE MILITARY AID TO COLOMBIA AND NO FTA! END THE REPRESSION AND DISPLACEMENT!

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