

International civil society organizations support the Humanitarian River Caravan for Life and Peace



Bogotá, Colombia. April 16, 2021—The undersigned international civil society organizations express their support to the humanitarian river caravan for life and peace. In development of the “Pact for Life and Peace from the Pacific and Southwest for all of Colombia,” which was launched on September 20, 2020, the caravan convenes the Black communities of the Guapi, López de Micay and Timbiquí municipalities, together with the Apostolic Vicariate of Guapi, the Ethnic Territorial Peace Working Group, and Cococauca.

This joint action will take place between April 19 and 23, 2021. It seeks to make visible the serious humanitarian crisis and escalation of the armed conflict in this region. It also seeks to support the communities of these municipalities, who are victims of historical and constant repression, confinement, disappearances, kidnappings, threats, intimidation, recruitment and use of children and youth, and fighting and killings, as denounced by social organizations such as Cococauca.

As international civil society organizations we strongly reject all these forms of violence that have occurred on the Pacific Coast and invite the Colombian government and State to take measures to guarantee life, peace, harmony and the cultural identity of the communities in the Guapi, López de Micay and Tumbiquí municipalities. The government and State should also guarantee the realization of this important action, which we strongly support.

We are committed to territorial peace and to peace and life as fundamental rights.