

## **Association of Northern Cauca's Indigenous Cabildos (ACIN), Regional Indigenous Council of Cauca (CRIC), and the Association of Indigenous Cabildos of Caldono–NASA CXHAB (ICC-NC) Reject the Attack against Civilian Populations in Toribío, Corinto, Jambaló, Caldono, Mondomo and Siberia<sup>1</sup>**

In the morning hours of July 9, 2011, the FARC attacked the urban center of Toribío municipality during the market day with a bus carrying high-capacity explosives. The explosion caused the death of two civilians, Jesús Muñoz and Diego Penagos, and injured 73 indigenous people, in addition to injuring three police and killing one. The explosion left many homes and public establishments destroyed. The magnitude of the impact was such that it damaged everything within a 400 meter radius. The quick reaction of the indigenous guard and authorities permitted for the evacuation of the injured and humanitarian attention for the population.

The aforementioned events demonstrate the deterioration of the war and the total disrespect of armed actors for human life and dignity. These fatal attacks are an assault on our life plans (*planes de vida*), our autonomy, our peaceful existence in the territory, and our survival as indigenous peoples.

In addition to what happened in Toribío, there were simultaneous attacks on the populations of Jambaló, Corinto, Caldono, Mondomo and Siberia, which demonstrate that the tragic strategy of the FARC is concentrated in indigenous territories.

Taking into account this difficult situation, the high council of the CRIC, the Regional Council of Northern Cauca, and the Association of Indigenous *cabildos* of Caldono – Nasa Cxhab and their authorities call for an immediate meeting to determine our response in defense of our political project and the life of our communities.

We demand that parties to the conflict respect International Humanitarian Law and that they reach humanitarian accords that will put an end to the unnecessary suffering which indigenous peoples and the Colombian people are forced to submit to.

Since neither the insurgency, nor the Colombian government are interested in a political negotiation to end the armed conflict, the indigenous movement calls upon the international community and the Colombian peoples to work for a solution rooted in civil society that will bring an end to the war.

There will be no peace for Colombians, if there is no peace for the indigenous peoples; there will be no peace for the indigenous peoples, if there is no peace in Colombia.

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<sup>1</sup> \*Translation by WOLA