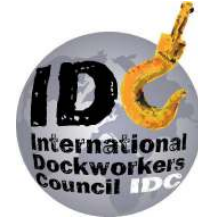




# Unión Portuaria



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January 27, 2012.

Minister of Labor  
Attn: Mr. David Luna Sanchez  
Vice-Minister of Labor Relations and Inspection

## **RE: Labor Abuses against Port Workers in Turbo**

The banana exporting businesses and associative labor cooperatives in the region of Urabá have fired more than 40 port workers in the last two months for exercising their constitutional right to union association. Furthermore, they are denying the fired workers of their contractual rights, withholding their salaries, and forcing them to undress in order to inspect them.

The aforementioned conduct is a blatant violation of Decree 2025 of 2011, the Circular 55 of 2011 by the Minister of Social Protection, Law 1453 of 2011, and the Labor Action Plan agreed to by Santos and Obama. That is why we consider it necessary to immediately move the case to a commission made up of the Inspector General's Office, the Office of the Vice President, and the Ministry of Labor because we have not received the necessary support from the authorities in the region.

Sincerely,

**FRANCISCO JAVIER MARRUGO**  
Presidente Nacional

**TOMAS MARCELINO DURÁN**  
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