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Dear Mr. President,

In December 2017, the paramilitary group *Autodefensas Gaitanistas de Colombia* (AGC) was reported advancing to gain control of the village of San José de Apartadó. Gildardo Tuberquia, a member of the Internal Council of the Peace Community, reported that he received at least eight death threats in 2017. On 29 December, five paramilitaries attacked and injured German Graciano Posso, the Peace Community's legal representative, and despite the community delivering two of the assailants to the National Prosecutor's Office, they have since been released. Since the Peace Community was established on 23 March 1997, more than 200 of its members have been killed or subjected to enforced disappearance, while others have been threatened or sexually assaulted. The majority of those have been killed by paramilitaries, who have often operated with the support and acquiescence of members of the armed forces.

Please take urgent measures to guarantee the right to life and physical safety of Gildardo Tuberquia and all other members of the Peace Community of San José de Apartadó. Carry out an immediate and impartial investigation into the attack against German Graciano Posso, make the results public and bring those responsible to justice.

Yours sincerely

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