

Sanare, Venezuela, June 25, 2010

We, the delegates from the undersigned organizations of the First Encuentro of the Peoples: Resisting Militarism and Promoting a Culture of Peace, hailing from nineteen countries of the Hemisphere - Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay, Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru, Colombia, Venezuela, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, México, Haiti, Dominican Republic, the United States and Canada - declare the following:

During the five days of the Encuentro, we reflected on the militarization of the Americas and particularly on the coup in Honduras, both of which represent a backwards movement and a danger for the democracies of the peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean.

Because of the coup in Honduras on the 28th of June, 2009, Honduran citizens are surviving in the midst of continuing human rights violations, persecution, threats, detentions, repression, and assassinations of selected social leaders. Because of this, we condemn state-sponsored terrorism against the people and the social movements of Honduras and demand that the persecutions stop.

In the same way, we support the process that the Frente Nacional de Resistencia Popular (Popular National Resistance Front) in Honduras is developing for the establishment of a National Constitutional Assembly to re-establish the Rule of Law and democracy in the country.

We condemn the history of United States interventions in Honduran affairs and the current pressure from President Barack Obama's Administration and other governments for the Organization of American States (OAS) to recognize the de facto government of Mr. Porfirio Lobo.

We demand respect for the sovereignty of Honduras and so demand the immediate withdrawal of United States Troops from the Cano Soto Military Base, better known as Palmerola, and from the recently inaugurated Naval Base in the Moskitia territory. These military bases both provoke and destabilize the countries of Central America.

In addition, we call on all of the governments in Latin America and the Caribbean not to recognize the de facto government of Mr. Lobo, because it represents a continuation of the immoral coup.

Finally, we support the formation and the inauguration of the Truth Commission presented by La Plataforma de Derechos Humanos (Human Rights Platform) with the support of the victims and the Frente Nacional de Resistencia Popular of Honduras, because of their commitment to truth, justice, and historical memory.

Signed by the organizations listed below.

- H.I.J.O.S Guatemala
- No Bases Ecuador
- Comisión Intereclesial de Justicia y Paz, Colombia
- Movimiento Nacional de Víctimas de Crímenes de Estado en Colombia
- Colectivos de Abogados José Alvear Restrepo, Colombia
- Alianza Social Continental, Colombia
- Students United in Representation of Latin America, London, Ontario, Canada
- School of the Americas Watch, United States
- Movimiento por la Paz, la Soberanía y la Solidaridad entre los Pueblos (Mopassol), Argentina
- Instituto de Terapia e Investigación sobre las secuelas de la Tortura y Violencia Estatal, Bolivia
- Centro de Amigos por la Paz, Costa Rica
- Agrupación de Familiares de Ejecutados Políticos - AFEP, Chile
- Observadores por el Cierre de las Escuelas de las Américas, Chile
- INREDH Fundación Regional de Asesoría en Derechos Humanos, Ecuador
- Centro de Intercambio y Solidaridad - CIS, El Salvador
- Universidad de Ciencias Humanas, Departamento Social, Haití
- Casa de Caribe, Dominican Republic
- Comité de Familiares Detenidos y Desaparecidos en Honduras COFADEH, Honduras
- Observatorio Latinoamericano de Geopolítica de la UNAM, México
- Movimiento Social Nicaragüense "Otro Mundo ... es Posible"
- Servicio Paz y Justicia - Paraguay
- Mesa por la Paz, la Desmilitarización y Solidaridad con los Pueblos, Perú
- Servicio Paz y Justicia - Uruguay
- Fundación Latinoamericana por los Derechos Humanos y el Desarrollo Social (FUNDALATIN), Venezuela
- FNSR - Frente Nacional Juvenil de Resistencia, Honduras
- 8th Day Center for Justice, United States
- Marin Interfaith Task Force on Latin America, United States