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Urgent petition to the President of the Republic of Colombia, Gustavo Petro Urrego "Depart from our land, from our sky, from our sea

, from our wheat, from our salt, from our wounds, from everything... Leave, from the memories of memory."

Mahmoud Darwish, Palestinian poet

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Mr. President Gustavo Petro, friends and other recipients of this communication,

It is with alarm and anguish that we are witnessing the vile genocide perpetrated by the Zionist State of Israel against the Palestinian people. At the same time, the United States is complicit in such horror, has deployed its war apparatus towards the conflict zone and supports the Netanyahu government with weapons.

For decades, he has spent a fortune arming Israel. This drama is not new, it has been 75 years of ignominy since the very creation of that state. It is the aberrant disproportion of two powers raging against a small territory and its people.

Pain and indignation have overwhelmed us, the images reveal all the impiety exercised, they have even bombed hospitals and refugee centers, causing to date more than ten thousand fatalities, not counting the disappeared, the vast majority defenseless children and women, the civilian population. We are witnessing the destruction and bleeding of a people in all its dimensions.

Inevitably, repudiation of such ignominy has been expressed from different parts of the world. Massive demonstrations have taken place in many cities. To date, several countries have spoken out. This is our case, in which we are encouraged by his courageous declarations, describing this barbarity of the State of Israel for what it is: a genocide, at the same time as a continuous "cleansing" or ethnic elimination for 75 years. You have pointed out that the Zionist regime has violated human rights, that it has ignored all UN resolutions. You, too, have condemned their inhuman actions, and we deserve great recognition. Colombia, like several other countries, has recalled its ambassadors for consultation. The Plurinational State of our sister country, Bolivia, has broken diplomatic and economic relations with the Israeli state.

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Although there is a forceful pronouncement on their part, it is more far-reaching, to ratify it, to go one step further; That step forward among the smoke of bombs to say No more!, we do not de facto cohon from our country Colombia. For this reason, and in the face of such misfortune, President Gustavo Petro, we raise our petition, which arises from the bowels of the sentiment of popular sectors that voted for the Government of Change that you preside over together with Francia Márquez. We also call on Colombians who read this statement to join this clamor by signing the following petition:

We allow ourselves to request you, President Gustavo Petro, the immediate rupture of diplomatic, economic and political relations with the State of Israel with the consequent expulsion from our territory of the diplomatic corps of that country and the cancellation and/or embargo of all contracts concerning military security systems and weapons.

We expand with other related considerations: It is imperative to cancel the agreement that absurdly and regrettably grants us the status of "strategic partner" of NATO, given that our country has no geographical or political reason to belong to that organization. Both the existence of U.S. military bases in our territory and the membership of that military organization that goes against world peace, not only threatens our sovereignty, but, on the other hand, places us as an aircraft carrier ally of the United States military forces in the scenario of a possible war between foreign powers. Likewise, Colombia considers itself a "non-aligned" country, which unfortunately is only possible in words, because in the practical order we are not a country that is a signatory to these agreements with NATO and that we accept the existence of US military bases in our territory, a situation that you fought and denounced at the time. Asserting Colombia's sovereignty before the world and positioning our country as a territory of peace, would constitute the ratification of its policy of total peace, not only for our territory but for the planet, in accordance with its position as a world leader for global peace.

With sincere appreciation and consideration, this petition is signed by the following Colombians, residing in Colombia and abroad:

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