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Subject: Immediate release of academic and unionist Miguel Ángel Beltrán

Dear Sirs,

On behalf of the Canadian Association of University Teachers, we are writing to urge the Government and judicial authorities of the Republic of Colombia to urgently review the case against Dr. Miguel Ángel Beltrán, academic and member of the higher education union ASPU, and to authorise his immediate release.

Dr. Beltrán was detained and arrested in May 2009 on flawed charges of rebellion and conspiracy. Despite being cleared of all charges in 2011, he was removed from his position at the National University of Colombia. He was re-arrested in July 2015 and unjustly sentenced to 8 years imprisonment in the high security prison "La Picota" in Bogota on the same false charges he was cleared of in 2011.

Dr. Beltrán was recently on a hunger strike to demand a fair review of his case, and improvement of the detention conditions for himself and for all prisoners.

CAUT joins the international community in calling for Dr. Beltrán's immediate release and for the restitution of his civil and academic rights.

Yours sincerely,



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