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Memorandum 19:28

Date: September 4, 2019
To: Presidents, Local, Federated and Provincial Associations
From: David Robinson, Executive Director
Re: **Appeal: CAUT Refugee Foundation**

CAUT is continuing to provide support for Dr. Carlos Zambrano Escamilla, former president of the Sindicato de Profesores de la Fundación Universidad Autónoma de Colombia. As Dr. Zambrano explained to Council delegates in May, because of his trade union activities he received death threats from paramilitary groups in Colombia and was the victim of an attempt on his life. According to the International Trade Union Confederation, Colombian paramilitary groups have assassinated over 500 trade union and human rights defenders in the past year alone.

Dr. Zambrano has applied for refugee status in Canada. CAUT is appealing to academic staff associations and their members to donate to the CAUT Refugee Foundation to support Dr. Zambrano's resettlement efforts. The Foundation, established in the 1970s, is a registered charity with the Canada Revenue Agency, allowing it to issue tax receipts. All donations received will be used to assist Dr. Zambrano with his basic living expenses as he awaits his refugee hearing.

Cheques can be made to the order of the CAUT Refugee Foundation and sent to:

CAUT Refugee Foundation
2705 Queensview Drive
Ottawa, Ontario
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