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Resolution to Endorse & Participate in the National Lawyers Guild Delegation to Colombia in August 2015 to Promote International Labor Solidarity & to Expose & Oppose the Many Forms of Oppression that have Made Colombia the Most Dangerous Country in the World for Labor Leaders & Activists

WHEREAS, over a quarter of a million workers participated in a national agrarian strike in May of 2013 that brought international attention to the exploitation and oppressive working conditions that farmers and other workers endure in Colombia; and

WHEREAS, repression against labor activism and organizing has increased since the agrarian strike, making Colombia the most dangerous country in the world for labor organizers; and

WHEREAS, international solidarity is imperative to end the violent persecution of labor organizations in Colombia; and

WHEREAS, multinational corporations operate internationally and have great economic and political power, and

WHEREAS workers must promote international labor solidarity to overcome the geographic obstacles that separate us in order to struggle successfully against the corporations that exploit and oppress the workers and even play a role in the assassination and incarceration of labor organizers and activists.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the San Francisco Labor Council endorses and will send a representative on the next National Lawyers Guild delegation to Colombia in August of 2015 in order to support the international labor movement and to raise awareness regarding the atrocities being committed against labor organizations in Colombia.

Submitted by Allan Fisher, AFT Local 2121 and Rodger Scott, AFT Local 2121, and unanimously adopted by the San Francisco Labor Council on January 12, 2015.

Respectfully,

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