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Corporate Accountability Lab Submits Report on Role of Economic Actors in the Armed Conflict to the Special Jurisdiction for Peace in Colombia

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Chicago, IL, October 25, 2022: Last week, Corporate Accountability Lab (CAL) submitted the report *A Comprehensive Transitional Justice: The Role of Economic Actors in the Colombian Armed Conflict and a Restorative Justice* to the [Colombian Special Jurisdiction for Peace](#) (“JEP,” for its Spanish acronym). This report follows on an [earlier submission](#) and supports the JEP’s investigation of crimes committed by members of the armed forces, other state agents, or in association with paramilitary groups and third-parties, otherwise known as [Macrocaso 08](#).

In its entirety, the report will support the JEP’s ongoing investigations into human rights abuses allegedly committed by state and non-state actors, including “civilian third parties,” including companies and other economic actors during the Colombian armed conflict. CAL’s report presents evidence of involvement by multinational companies in the commission of human rights crimes in the Gran Magdalena region.

Part I of CAL’s report presented evidence related to Prodeco and Drummond Ltd.’s alleged financing of right wing paramilitary organizations, in the Gran Magdalena region. **Part II discusses Chiquita Brands International Inc. and Dole Food Company, covering allegations that both companies played a role in the commission of rampant human rights abuse in this region.** Additionally, CAL presents observations and recommendations based on our work in Colombia on key issues such as victim remedy, restorative justice, a responsible disengagement from coal and anti-union violence. For example, based on conversations with impacted groups and victims, CAL provides specific recommendations for remedial measures for harms suffered, including symbolic reparations, pedagogical materials on the issue of freedom of association, and capacity-building, amongst others.

The 2016 peace accords between the Colombian government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (“FARC,” for its Spanish acronym) established the Integral System for Truth, Justice and Non-repetition. The JEP is its ad hoc judicial component. **The JEP investigates crimes committed during the armed conflict and administers judicial decisions. Although the JEP does not have jurisdiction over economic actors, investigating the role of economic actors, including multinational corporations, in perpetuating violence is integral to the peace process and the development of a lasting framework of non-repetition.**

A comprehensive peace and reconciliation process will involve all actors in the armed conflict, including businesses who financed or otherwise benefitted. CAL’s report provides the JEP with detailed information, drawn largely from civil cases filed in United States courts, to assess the role of economic actors in the conflict. CAL will continue to support these efforts so the economic actors that contributed to the violence fulfill their responsibility to remedy harms for which they were responsible or complicit.

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