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*COLECTIVO DE VÍCTIMAS DEL TERRORISMO DEL PAÍS VASCO
EUSKAL HERRIKO TERRORISMOAREN BIKTIMEN ELKARTEA*

United Nations
Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon
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Dear Mr. Ban Ki-moon:

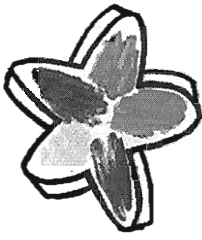
I am writing this letter as the president of the Collective of Victims of Terrorism in the Basque Country, in Spain, and as a sister of a Spanish political leader who was assassinated by the terrorist organization ETA. I also write imprisoned by the impotence of somebody who does not know how to avoid the attitude of Venezuela, which continues trampling on the dignity of the more than 800 deaths hanging over ETA's back.

The band totalitarian project languishes after his release from "termination" of last October 2011. However, in Venezuela ETA has achieved what it has not in Spain after three decades of targeted killings: set up in a territory-sanctuary to avoid paying for his brutal crimes.

You pointed out on September 27, 2010 that "no cause and no claim can justify terrorism." You also highlighted "the determination of the United Nations to respond to a global challenge that is causing much damage." When you uttered those words, ETA was still killing people. It does not kill anymore, but you would agree with me that the fight against the budding terrorism is as important as the delegitimization of that horror by memory, once the organization has stopped killing. And without justice there is no memory. Precisely, that is why I turn to you. I need your help before Venezuelan crucial elections that will decide on the future of murderers who are now considered by the country as political exiles.

Venezuela is today one of the world's greatest terrorist sanctuaries. Contrasted reports show that at least 50 terrorists of ETA live comfortably under the Bolivarian regime that seeks to perpetuate Nicolas Maduro in case of winning the April 14 elections. There, some members of the organization have used his stay to strengthen ties with terrorist organizations such as the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC).

My brother Gregorio was a member of the current ruling party in Spain. ETA shot him in the head while he was eating in a restaurant, in 1995. Nobody ever will return him, but at least my family had the opportunity to see how the three murderers were convicted by the courts.



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That luck is the one that about 40 families don not have; parents, siblings and children of 40 people who were executed by ETA terrorists today enjoy a political refugee status in Venezuela. Those cases are still unresolved because of the connivance of the Bolivarian regime that seeks to perpetuate Maduro after the death of Hugo Chavez, friend of terrorists and enemy of international Rights, rights which fight against the monster of terrorism in the world.

The Geneva Convention in 1951, relating to the Status of Refugees, excludes from all forms of international asylum or refuge to those who have participated in crimes against humanity or war crimes. The text clarifies that it is not necessary that these people have been involved in national and international processes, but it is enough that "there are serious reasons for considering that they have been involved in the commission of crimes against humanity" for a country not to give them asylum.

I refer only one example. Arturo Cubillas Fontan, security chief of the National Institute of Land in Venezuela and wanted by the Spanish Justice since 2010, has been commissioned to train ETA terrorists in Venezuela. He participated in at least three murders, in terrorist executions of the entrepreneur Joseph Couchot in 1984, the entrepreneur Angel Facal Soto in 1985 and the police Maximo Garcia Kleinte in 1985. In March 2010, the National Court of Spain said it had procedures which showed Venezuelan governmental cooperation in the illicit collaboration between FARC and ETA, whose link in Venezuela is Arturo Cubillas Fontan. Is it a political exile who riddled with bullets at someone for not sharing the same ideology? Do not the victims deserve this criminal answer for his crimes?

Venezuelan officials from Chavez's rise to power have ignored the repeated requests of the Spanish Justice. It does not help that the Spanish government of Mariano Rajoy, imprisoned by the economic strangulation of the crisis, to strive to embrace discretion, clearly inconvenient to promote criticism of Venezuela's stance by the international community.

For all this, it would be helpful for the Collective of Victims of Terrorism in the Basque Country that the ONU would help us to pressure the international community so that it is positioned firmly against the asylum of all kinds of terrorists in Venezuela.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

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