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## **Colombia Statement on U.S. Department of Labor Report**

**Washington, DC** — The Embassy of Colombia today released the following statement on a report issued by the U.S. Department of Labor in response to a petition filed by Colombian labor unions and the AFL-CIO regarding Colombia's protection of labor rights:

*"The U.S.-Colombia Labor Action Plan, signed in 2011 within the framework of the U.S.-Colombia Free Trade Agreement, has served as a roadmap for the Colombian government to continue making advances to guarantee labor rights and strengthen labor policy and employment.*

*"The Department of Labor report recognizes significant progress made by the Colombian government and includes recommendations to ensure additional progress. The government of Colombia will continue to engage with the Department of Labor in consultations to implement the recommendations and enhance our efforts to guarantee the rights of our workers.*

*"Colombia has achieved significant progress in the last five years, generating better opportunities for workers, placing new labor inspectors in positions around the country to review the fulfillment of labor standards, issuing new regulations that strengthen control over labor subcontracting methods, promoting the creation of unions and making meaningful progress in preventing and addressing violence and threats against unionists.*

*"Colombia is committed to protecting labor rights, and we will continue working closely with the Administration to make additional progress."*

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