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## Public Statement.

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### [Boulder, Colorado, USA]

The Cano-Busquets family, the Guillermo Cano Isaza Foundation, the Inter-American Press Association (IAPA), the Foundation for Freedom of the Press (FLIP) and Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights, being present at the 169th period of sessions of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), report the following:

- The Colombian State was summoned by the IACHR to a working meeting today on the assassination of Guillermo Cano Isaza, which took place on December 17, 1986. We, the relatives and accompanying organizations that subscribe to this communication will all be there.
- The case of Guillermo Cano Isaza was presented by SIP to the IACHR in 1997 and the IACHR adopted a decision on the case in 2001. The family, as well as their representatives, were not aware of the existence of that decision until April 2018.
- It has been 31 years of pain. In the Cano family we know the true dimension of this prolonged and unpunished tragedy. We come to this meeting with the IACHR with the conviction that it is a way of vindicating the legacy of Guillermo Cano Isaza and the 13 El Espectador journalists murdered for doing their work in Colombia.
- We trust that the IACHR and the State of Colombia will comply with international standards of justice and truth in this process.
- In the hope that justice will be done, we appeal to the international press and to Colombian society to accompany us in this persistent three decade struggle.

Signed by

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