

## Free Simon Trinidad!

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The Obama administration should free Simon Trinidad as a real gesture of peace from the US towards the people of Colombia. Trinidad is one of the few survivors of the UP (Patriotic Union), the leftist party that ran for office in the 1980s and 1990's, but suffered almost 5000 assassinations by government death squads. That was why Trinidad gave up his life as a professor and politician and joined the FARC at the age of 37. Now, Trinidad can help the FARC and people's movements navigate how to make change in a new Colombia.

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### **Support Peace in Colombia!**

The Colombian Congress voted overwhelmingly to accept the Peace Agreement. President Santos has told the US that he welcomes the release of Simon Trinidad. Organizations who have supported the approved Peace Agreement: UN, Organization of American States (OAS), USA, and the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC).

### **De-list the FARC!**

Decisions to remove the FARC from terror lists have been made by the European Union (EU) and the United Kingdom's Parliament. These are not only important symbolic gestures but actually frees up \$600 million in post-conflict aid money from the EU. The US government needs to follow suit and Drop the FARC from the list of terrorist organizations. This will facilitate the release of Simon Trinidad and secure the peace for Colombia.

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