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Ms. Julia Margarita Bautista Polania

Julia Margarita is a lay member of the Franciscan family of Colombia and of the Justice, Peace and Integrity Commission of the [Conference of Religious of Colombia](#) (CRC), Pax Christi International's member organization in Bogotá. The CRC is part of the Ecumenical Table for Peace (MEP) that has documented violence against Christians in order to present cases to the Truth Commission. Also, it has given workshops across the country on tools for peace-building and extractivism through the eyes of faith. She is studying law at the Cooperative University of Colombia and completed a Technical Studies Program on Social Work at San Cristobal municipality and the School of Arts and Literature. Julia Margarita has years of experience in the development and implementation of socio-cultural and environmental projects as well as in the promotion of citizen participation and conflict resolution. At the community level, she has been leading nonviolent resistance processes to ensure the care of the common home from a Franciscan approach, such as through popular referenda. This year, she has spoken at the UN in Geneva as a delegate of Franciscans International, presenting an [alternative NGO report](#) to the Universal Periodic Review of Colombia which examined the country's human rights situation.



Mr. Jaime Andrés Tocora Lozano

Jaime Andrés is co-founder of the [Environmental Committee in Defense of Life](#) based in Tolima, partner organization of Pax Christi International. He is also chair of the Board of Directors of [SOS Environmental Corporation](#), the legal entity of the Committee. The Committee mobilizes people to nonviolently oppose extractive projects, such as through educational and training activities,



marches, and pushing for popular consultations and prior, free and informed consultations and compliance with their outcomes through advocacy activities at local, national and [international level](#). It has moved municipalities to question the extractives model and its impacts and has helped build a national environmental movement. The Committee denounces threats against human rights defenders, while also giving self-protection workshops to their own members, several of whom have been experiencing threats since 2013. Jaime Andres studies Social Sciences at the University of Tolima. He has worked for the Environmental

Observatory of the University on awareness raising, training and mobilization regarding environmental conflicts in the region. He has led workshops for Pax Christi on environmental sensitization in his city of Ibagué. Jaime Andrés gives talks to students at universities across the country about the consequences of mining and is involved in educational and training activities for peace and environmental citizenship and development.