

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS


## EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM Original Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual *Financial Disclosure Statements* of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, **you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House by email at [gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov](mailto:gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov), within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please **do not** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.**

1. Name of Traveler: Antwain Monach
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None  
b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: November 22 Return: November 26  
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Cart, Buenaventura, and Bogotá, Colombia Return City: Baltimore, MD
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA)
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Visit to Afro-Colombian internally displaced community (Agua Blanca District), Lunch at offices of the National Association of Displaced Afro-Colombians, offices of human rights organization, Association for Social Research and Action (Asociación para la Investigación y Acción Social, NOMADESOC), Meeting with indigenous leaders, victims, and human rights organizations from Cauca Department, Meeting with victims and family members of the 2002  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Attached to this form are **each** of the following, **signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box:**
  - a.  a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
  - b.  the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor **prior** to the trip, **including all** attachments **and** the *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
  - c.  page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the employee; **and**
  - d.  the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a.  I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. **Signify statement is true by checking the box.**  
b. If not, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**I certify that the information contained on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature of Traveler:  Date: 12/11/2024

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Name of Supervising Member: Henry C. "Hank" Johnson, Jr. Date: 12/11/2024

Signature of Supervising Member: 

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## SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

Original  Amendment

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated in the trip within 10 days of their return.** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House Rules and the Committee's Travel Regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA)

2. Travel Destination(s): Cali, Buenaventura, and Bogotá, Colombia

3. Date of Departure: November 22 Date of Return: November 26

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Antwain Monach

**Note:** You may list more than one traveler on a form only if **all** information is **identical** for each person listed.

5. **Actual amount** of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$1,618.98	\$315.97	\$202.86	Print materials: \$9.75 Interpreter: \$183.75
Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

6.  All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment.  
*Signify statement is true by checking box.*

**I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature: Melissa Golladay Digitally signed by Melissa Golladay  
Date: 2024.12.10 15:15:58 -05'00' Date: 12/10/24

Name: Melissa Golladay Title: VP, Finance and Operations

Organization: Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA)

**I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box.**

Address: 1666 Connecticut Ave. NW Washington, DC 20009

Telephone: (202) 301-5824 Email: mgolladay@wola.org

**Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.**

**If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.**

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## TRAVELER FORM

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection.

This form and any attachments may be submitted at 1015 Longworth House Office Building or [travel.requests@mail.house.gov](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov).

**Your completed request must be submitted to the Committee no less than 30 days before your proposed departure date.** Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. **You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.**

Name of Traveler: Antwain Monach

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.**

**I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature: 

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): \_\_\_\_\_

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Office of Congressman Henry C. "Hank" Johnson, Jr.

Office Address: 2240 Rayburn HOB, Washington, DC 20515

Telephone Number: 202-225-1605

Email Address of Contact Person: antwain.monach@mail.house.gov

Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, *and* these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

**NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.**

**KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM.** Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or via email: [travel.requests@mail.house.gov](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov).

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## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Antwain Monach
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA)
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Calí, Colombia; Buenaventura, Colombia; and Bogotá, Colombia
4. a. Date of Departure: November 22, 2024 Date of Return: November 26, 2024  
b. Yes  No  Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?  
If yes, list dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_
5. a. Yes  No  Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? **If yes:**
  - (1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: \_\_\_\_\_
  - (2) Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
  - (3) Yes  No  Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age?
6. a. Yes  No  Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?  
b. If yes, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Yes  No  *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitation, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.  
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. **Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**  
As Congressman Johnson's Legislative Director i directly oversee the Congressman's Foreign Affairs and Human Rights portfolios.
9. **Yes  No  Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?**
10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

### ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 10/22/2024

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## PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* **at least 30 days before the start date of the trip**. The trip sponsor should *NOT* submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee's website ([ethics.house.gov](http://ethics.house.gov)) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form. The Committee will notify the House invitees directly of its decision and will not notify the trip sponsors.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.**

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:

Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA)

2.  I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*
3. **Check only one.** I represent that:
- a.  The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip; **OR**
  - b.  The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds; **OR**
  - c.  The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds, services, or in-kind assistance from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.

If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: N/A

4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members *and* employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary): See addendum

5. Yes  No  Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?

6. Date of Departure: November 22, 2024 Date of Return: November 26, 2024

7. a. City of departure: Dulles, VA, U.S.

b. Destination(s): Cali, Colombia; Buenaventura, Colombia; and Bogotá, Colombia

c. City of return: Atlanta, Georgia; Dulles, Virginia; Phoenix, Arizona; Newark, New Jersey; or Baltimore

8. **Check only one.** I represent that

- a.  The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965; **OR**
- b.  The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent; **OR**
- c.  The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

9. **Check only one of the following.**

- a.  I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
- b.  I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
- c.  I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
- d.  I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: \_\_\_\_\_

10.  Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*

11. **Check only one of the following.**

- a.  I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify the statement is true by clicking the box;* **OR**
- b.  *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.

12. For *each* sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip *and* its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

The Washington Office on Latin America is a 501(3)(c) organization with 50 years of experience promoting human rights-aligned policies in the Americas. Our organization will prepare an itinerary, sponsor members and their staff, and accompany the delegation throughout their stay.

13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**

- a. Mode of travel: Air  Rail  Bus  Car  Other  (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
- b. Class of travel: Coach  Business  First  Charter  Other  (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
- c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:  
\_\_\_\_\_

14.  I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:

- a.  The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
- b.  The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation. If "b" is checked:

1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): US \$100.00

2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: Buenaventura is the primary city affected by the Colombia FTA, and also intersects with U.S. interests in drug policy and as accompanier of

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel Name: Hotel Mudéjar City: Calí, Colombia Cost Per Night: \$65

Reason(s) for Selecting: WOLA has previously booked this hotel given its preference by human rights

Hotel Name: Hotel Tequendama City: Bogotá, Colombia Cost Per Night: \$75

Reason(s) for Selecting: It's location in close proximity to government buildings in downtown Bogotá.

Hotel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Per Night: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason(s) for Selecting: \_\_\_\_\_

17.  I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*

18. **Total Expenses for each Participant:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$1,200	\$300	\$400
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$400	Hired ground transportation, interpreters
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	

19. **Check only one:**

- a.  I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; **OR**
- b.  *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. **I certify by my signature that**

- a. **I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;**
- b. **I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and**
- c. **The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature: Alex Bare Digitally signed by Alex Bare  
Date: 2024.10.22 14:38:35 -04'00' Date: 22 Oct 2024

Name: Alex Bare Title: Program Associate

Organization: Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA)

Address: 1666 Connecticut Ave NW Washington, DC 20002

Email: abare@wola.org Telephone: 3522171867

If there are questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or [travel.requests@mail.house.gov](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov).

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November 18, 2024

Mr. Antwoin Monach  
Office of the Honorable Henry C. "Hank" Johnson, Jr.  
2240 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Monach:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Colombia,<sup>1</sup> scheduled for November 22 to 26, 2024, sponsored by Washington Office on Latin America.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$480 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House employees may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently \$480] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

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<sup>1</sup> Please be aware that the Committee's review of the proposed trip does not extend to either the security situation in the destination country or security related to foreign travel in general. We recommend you contact the Office of House Security (OHS) for a safety and security briefing prior to your departure. OHS may be reached at (202) 226-2044 or ohsstaff@mail.house.gov. House travelers should also register for the U.S. State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program at <https://step.state.gov>.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Guest". The first letter "M" is large and loops around the first few letters of the name.

Michael Guest  
Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Wild". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the "S" and "W" being particularly prominent.

Susan Wild  
Ranking Member

MG/SW:mc

*Addendum: PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM NODEL TO REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA*

**Question 4: Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary):**

1. Rep. Hank Johnson
2. Anna McDonald (office of Rep. Sydney Kamlager-Dove)
3. Antwain Monach (office of Rep. Hank Johnson)
4. Deepa Patel (office of Rep. Delia Ramirez)

We, the Washington Office on Latin America, have invited Rep. Hank Johnson to lead this delegation given his strong commitment to human rights and dedication to promoting peace and justice in Latin America. His advocacy aligns with the goals of the visit, which include advancing dialogue, supporting the 2016 peace accord, and ensuring the protection of marginalized communities in Colombia.

Ms. McDonald, Mr. Monach, and Ms. Patel, as staff of their respective offices working on international relations, are likewise invited to participate. We believe their presence would add significant value to the discussions and reinforce the importance of U.S. engagement in Colombia.

**Non-Delegation (NODEL) Led by Rep. Hank Johnson to the Republic of Colombia**  
*with support from the Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA)*  
November 22 to 26, 2024

**Summary:**

The purpose of this trip is to visit Colombia's Pacific region, a key area impacted by the U.S.-Colombia Free Trade Agreement. This region is central to U.S. interests in drug policy, human rights, and economic development. With a significant Afro-Colombian population, it is also a focal point of the U.S.-Colombia Racial Action Plan and the U.S. role as an accompanier of the Ethnic Chapter of the 2016 Havana Peace Accord. In addition to the Pacific region, we will visit Bogotá for high-level meetings with the Colombian government, journalists, and the U.S. Embassy.

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**Friday, November 22**

**1:00 PM:** Arrive at Washington Dulles International Airport

- **Flight CM 444**
  - Departure: Washington Dulles (IAD) at 3:31 PM
  - Arrival: Panama City (PTY) at 8:34 PM
- **Flight CM 323**
  - Departure: Panama City (PTY) at 9:46 PM
  - Arrival: Cali (CLO) at 11:28 PM
  - Layover in Panama City: 1h 12m

**11:45 PM:** Travel from Alfonso Bonilla Aragón International Airport to Hotel Mudéjar, Calle 8 #5-53, Cali

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**Saturday, November 23: Cali, Valle del Cauca**

**7:00-8:00 AM:** Breakfast at the Hotel Mudéjar restaurant

**9:00-11:00 AM:** Visit to Afro-Colombian internally displaced community (Aguablanca District)

**12:00-1:00 PM:** Lunch at offices of National Association of Displaced Afro-Colombians (*Asociación Nacional de Afrocolombianos Desplazados*, AFRODES)

**2:00 PM:** Arrive at offices of human rights organization, Association for Social Research and Action (*Asociación para la Investigación y Acción Social*, NOMADESC)

**2:30-3:30 PM:** Meeting with Indigenous leaders, victims, and human rights organizations from Cauca Department

**3:30-4:30 PM:** Meeting with victims and family members of the 2021 social popular uprising and victims of police brutality

**4:30-5:30 PM:** Meeting with organization Veterans for Colombia (*Veteranos por Colombia*) and others

**6:00-7:00 PM:** Dinner (journalists invited)

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### **Sunday, November 24: Buenaventura, Valle del Cauca**

**5:00 AM:** Departure to Buenaventura by private transport (breakfast will be brown bag served on the bus)

**9:00 AM:** Arrive in Buenaventura

**9:00-11:00 AM:** Visit the Puente Nayero Urban Humanitarian Zone

**11:30-12:30 PM:** Meeting with the Buenaventura 2017 Civic Strike Committee

**1:30-2:30 PM:** Lunch with mayor of the District of Buenaventura, Ligia del Carmen Córdoba

**2:30-3:30 PM:** Meeting with the Catholic Diocese of Buenaventura on the urban peace negotiations

**3:30 PM:** Depart Buenaventura to return to Cali

**6:00-6:30 PM:** Arrive in Cali

**7:00 PM:** Arrive at Alfonso Bonilla Aragón International Airport

- **Flight AV 9236**

- Departure: Cali (CLO) at 8:55 PM

- Arrival: Bogotá (BOG) at 9:53 PM

**11:00 PM:** Check in at the Hotel Tequendama, Carrera 10 #26-21 Bogotá, D.C.

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### **Monday, November 25: Bogotá, D.C.**

**7:00-8:00 AM:** Breakfast at the Hotel Tequendama's Virrey Restaurant

**9:00-10:00 AM:** Meeting with Vice President of Colombia Francia Márquez Mina and others

**11:00-1:00 PM:** Lunch meeting with the Special High-Level Body on Ethnic Peoples (IEANPE), Ethnic Commission for Peace, Afro-Colombian Peace Commission, and ethnic working group of the transitional justice system

**2:00-3:00 PM:** Meeting at the U.S. Embassy

**4:00-6:00 PM:** Free time

**7:00-8:00 PM:** Dinner with Colombian Congresspersons and human rights defenders

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### **Tuesday, November 26: Bogotá, D.C.**

**6:00 AM:** Check out of the hotel and take a taxi to El Dorado International Airport, Bogotá.

- **Flight DL 980**

- Departure: Bogotá, Colombia (BOG) at 9:00 AM

- Arrival: Atlanta, Georgia (ATL) at 2:04 PM
- **Flight DL 1267**
  - Departure: Atlanta, Georgia (ATL) at 3:30 PM
  - Arrival: Baltimore, Maryland (BWI) at 5:14 PM



Advocacy for Human Rights in the Americas

Honorable Representative Hank Johnson  
U.S. Congress  
Washington, DC

Dear Rep. Johnson,

As you know, WOLA's Colombia program focuses on peace, human rights, and racial justice. We are actively involved in monitoring and advocating for the advancement of the 2016 peace accord, dialogue with the ELN, and efforts to dismantle other illegal armed groups and protect civilians. We are pushing for the implementation of the Ethnic Chapter and the integration of Black, Afro-descendant, Palenquero, Raizal, and Indigenous individual and collective rights within the other processes. This comprehensive approach includes the transversal consideration of gender, women's rights, LGBTQ+ rights, and victims' and IDPs' rights. We bring the voices of our extensive network of Colombian ethnic authorities, social leaders, and human rights activists to U.S. policymakers and facilitate U.S. policymakers' visits to Colombia. We are constantly using the U.S.'s leverage with Colombia to guarantee they can do their work without harm and that the civic space will not be closed. We also communicate through reports, letters, statements, programs, webinars, and events. Governments, U.S. policymakers, the press, and civil society seek our expertise in U.S.-Colombia relations.

As part of this work, we are organizing a delegation of members of the U.S. Congress to Colombia in November 2024. The tentative dates are November 22-27. This group will visit Buenaventura (Valle del Cauca), Cali, and Bogota and perhaps do a one-day visit to Guajira to visit Wayuu indigenous territories in La Guajira to increase U.S. attention and political and financial commitment to peace efforts with a differentiated Afro-Colombian and Indigenous focus.

In Buenaventura, we will meet with the key actors involved in brokering an agreement between the Shottas and Spartanos, the Puente Nayero humanitarian zone (an area where activists are resisting violence and the illegal armed actors), communities involved in advancing the humanitarian agreements agreed to within the ELN peace dialogue, civil society organizations engaged in the civic strike movement, port workers (a priority within the U.S.-Colombia Labor Action Plan) and local officials. In Cali, we will meet with internally displaced Afro-Colombians in the Agua Blanca District, human rights and organizations, and actors seeking justice for the victims of the 2021 social unrest.

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We will meet with Colombian government officials, Afro-Colombian and Indigenous authorities and groups, human rights networks, experts, and the U.S. Embassy in Bogota.

As per the prior delegations you've joined us on, WOLA is organizing this delegation with our Afro-Colombian, Indigenous, and other Colombian partners, most of whom you've supported and worked with over the past eight years. These include the High Instance for Ethnic Peoples (IEANPE), Afro-Colombian Peace Council (CONPA)--made up of AFRODES, PCN, Red de Mujeres Kambiri, Pastoral Afro-Colombiana, FISCH, ANAFRO, CLAF, CNOA and ACONC, among others and the Ethnic Commission--made up of CONPA and the National Indigenous Organization of Colombia (ONIC).

As a human rights champion with a long-standing record of advocating for peace, human rights, and ethnic minorities in Colombia, we would be highly honored if you would accept our invitation to not only visit Colombia but also to lead this delegation. If you accept, we can talk about whom else could make up this delegation.

I look forward to your response.

Sinceramente,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gimena Sanchez', written in a cursive style.

Gimena Sanchez  
Directora de los Andes  
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