



DEFENDER LGTBI'S LIFE IN THREAT

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**Unofficial translation*

The Permanent Secretariat of the Latin American and Caribbean Network for Democracy (REDLAD) alert on death threats and assassination attempt against Diane Marie Rodriguez , transsexual and defender of human rights in Ecuador.

The threats began in August of 2014, when four subjects (one of these, armed) visited the offices of the Asociación Silueta X and demanded to speak with Diane. Miss Rodriguez was not there so they stated that they will seek her later to "settle personal accounts".

These threats continued on October 20, the day on which received a message that revealed that she was be being chased and threatened to be mutilated from her intimate parts. It is worth mentioning that in 2012, Diane Rodriguez had already been kidnapped by a period of 4 hours when leaving the offices of Silueta x and threatened that the next time would not unscathed.

The Permanent Secretariat of REDLAD, platform for more than 520 organizations that defend democracy and human rights, Official member of the Civil Society Forum of the OAS (Organization of American States) and Regional Chapter of World Movement for Democracy (WMD):

- Condemns all acts of hatred against Diane Rodriguez and against all the people who are fighting in defense of human rights of the GLBTI populations
- Makes an appeal to the Ecuadorian authorities to perform a necessary research and bring to justice those involved, condemning as well, any act of transphobia and violation of rights.
- Request to the Ecuadorian State provide protection to the advocate Diane Marie Rodriguez Zambrano, her family and her team of work.

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