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Brussels, Belgium

Object: Acceptance ‘Juvenile Justice Without Borders’ International Award

The Honourable Doctor Legaz,

It gives us great pleasure to write to you today in reference to the distinction bestowed upon us by the International Juvenile Justice Observatory (IJJO) in its recognition of our work, honouring us with the ‘Juvenile Justice Without Borders’ International Award.

Without doubt, this Award is an incentive for us to continue our leading role in the elaboration of a rational, coherent and comprehensive criminal policy in Colombia, based on empirical evidence, which provides a response to the phenomenon of juvenile delinquency in line with the comprehensive protection norms prescribed by international standards.

The recognition provided by the IJJO is of singular importance to the Ministry of Justice and Law; it increases the visibility of the work we have been engaging in with respect to adolescent crime prevention and the promotion of restorative juvenile justice from a rights-based standpoint, in which we give priority to preventative actions aimed at overcoming the reactionary approach imposed by punitive populism.

In this regard, thankful for the support that you offer us, it is with great enthusiasm and interest that we accept the ‘Juvenile Justice Without Borders’ International Award.

By way of the above, please accept the renewed assurance of our highest consideration and appreciation.

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