

THIS FLOWER REEKS...

When most people see a rose at their local florist, they do not see paramilitary violence, exploitation of women workers and pesticide poisoning. Ana Teresa does. She is an Indigenous woman from Colombia whose family was forced to move from their land by paramilitary death squads who wanted access to the resources underneath. Her husband and father were killed.

Once displaced, the only job Ana Teresa could find to support her family was picking flowers for export. She is expected to cut 3,000 stems an hour to earn just 58 cents. Often she works 60 hours a week.

Every day she is exposed to cancer-causing pesticides that have been banned in Canada. If she becomes pregnant, she will be fired. If she dares to join or organize a union, she could be threatened or even killed.

**Now do you see why the flowers
at the local florist have lost
their fragrance?**



Facts

- ❖ 60% of flowers for sale in Canada come from Colombia.
- ❖ 4 million people have been internally displaced in Colombia over the last 20 years; an amount equal to about 550 people every day.
- ❖ Canada wants free trade with Colombia.

Take Action

DON'T TRADE HUMAN RIGHTS FOR FLOWERS.

A free trade deal with Colombia will not address the root causes of the problems there. The Canadian government should focus its attention on human rights in Colombia, rather than trade.

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