


Freedom to write in the Americas



'I believe that [journalists and human rights groups including International PEN] saved my life by writing letters, by being there, by making calls or even just by thinking or wishing that I was alive...'

Lydia Cacho, Mexican author and activist

The International PEN Writers in Prison Committee 2009 campaign, **Freedom to Write in the Americas**, aims to highlight the persecution of writers and journalists in the region. It provides direct support to colleagues in trouble and raises awareness of the repression and censorship that threaten writers' rights. It calls for an end to the impunity enjoyed by those who murder to silence their critics. The main countries of focus are Mexico, Cuba and Venezuela. For more information about the campaign and activity updates, details on writers' cases and to take action, visit: <http://www.internationalpen.org.uk/go/freedom-of-expression/campaigns>