

# Newsletter









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Montevideo, Uruguay; November 9 and 11th of 2015

## Participation of CNDH's President at the International Forum of Ombudsman, that took place at Montevideo, Uruguay.

The President of the National Human Rights Commission (CNDH), Luis Raúl González Pérez, participated in the XX Annual Congress of the Ibero-American Federation of Ombudman (FIO) as well as in the Thematic Network Meeting, which was held from November 9 to 11 at Montevideo, Uruguay.

At that meeting various transitional democratic processes of the region were analyzed, in which the defenders of national human rights organizations have been acting as subjects of change.

The theme of this meeting was: "Access to Public and Transparent information", while in the FIO's Thematic Networks there were analyzed the following issues: advocacy of women, journalists, childhood, adolescence, migrants and human trafficking.

At his participation the Mexican National Ombudsman, González Pérez, stresses that the fight against corruption and in favor of transparency is also a human right issue. He also emphasized the interest of all countries in the Latin American region as of the defenders of human rights in the rule made by the relevant institutions of the State at broad daylight.

He called the Ombudsmen to strengthen their commitments to promote transparency, to fight corruption, promote the empowerment of citizens and sue governments accountable and effective actions.

"The participatory monitoring of Ombudsmen and citizenship can help make information more accessible and timely, increase transparency in public budgets and ensure access to the way governments are respecting and facilitating human rights".

He noted that the "open data" is not a passing fad, but a new and undeniable trend towards a truly democratic, participatory and informed society. Open data is information that can be used, reused and redistributed freely by anyone, and is subject to the requirement of attribution and can be shared in the same way it appears.

González Pérez explained that in our countries there are different versions to address the rights of information and transparency; because in some of them there are public agencies specialized in these fields, while in others there are connoted civil organizations that develop that role.

He added that this represents different instrumental challenges for public bodies in the region, besides they have the common task of safeguarding and contributing to the fulfillment of the right for information. He said that they also should promote transparency from their jurisdiction, starting with their own offices and procedures, with full respect of the right for personal data's protection.

"FIO's public bodies must strength our ability to gather, organize, and process quality information that should be accountable of human rights' status in our respective countries", he said.

The Mexican Ombudsman pointed out that doing well the above is a way to contribute in the preservation of the fundamental rights of our society because they will be more alert and proactive, a task which is promoted by the Sustainable Development Agenda.

González Pérez emphasized that the access to public information is a challenge faced by the Ombudsmen, and that they will be weakened if citizens do not have power and political participation.

"We had to learn that democracy isn't a political regime that can prevail in the context of a closed and cryptic society, where information is seen as an elite's privilege and therefore a synonymous or at least a premise of its power".

He stressed that information is necessary for society in order that it can exercise political control over the state. Because of the above, it can be stated that the availability of public information is a tool of social inclusion that certainly empowers the citizen and at the same time democratizes the State.

He referred how this international trend has come to Mexico in intervals, since the nineteenth century, as well as the laws and regulations issued in the matter that have ended in a new regulatory framework that has led to the creation of a national system of transparency and access to public information, in which the institutions that conform it are more robust and they have expanded and strengthened powers.

"To promote the right to information is to charge in favor of de improving of public services and resources, to promote the innovation and to create safer communities", he said.

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## International Seminar on the Rights of the Millennium Development Goals for the Sustainable Development Goals

Guanajuato, Gto., November 25th and 26th, 2015

Participation of CNDH's President, Luis Raúl González Pérez, at the opening ceremony of the International Seminar "Human Rights: the Millennium Development Goals for Sustainable Development Goals", and as part of the commemoration of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.

Accompanied in the presidium by the Governor of Guanajuato, Miguel Márquez Márquez, he said that CNDH maintains a transcendent institutional agenda of attention to human rights in an international context, to address the "ambitious but achievable" challenge of meeting the Millennium Development Goals and Sustainable Development Goals. He said that for this purpose CNDH convened leading experts in each of the 17 objectives, to analyze the degree of compliance, "because 2015 cannot be just an opportunity or hope" but the time to achieve and progress towards these goals".

Héctor Dávalos Martínez, Executive Secretary of the National Human Rights Commission, stated during the event's closing that CNDH believes that society is res-

ponsible, next to the authorities, of the care of our common house which is the planet, to implement strategies aimed at combat poverty, hunger and pollution, and to ensure to all the habitants of our country education, a healthy and safe life, goals to be achieved during the next 15 years.

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## SIGNING OF AN AGREEMENT THAT FAVORS MEXICAN RESIDENT COMMUNITY IN THE UNITED STATES

CGCP/ 331/15 November 5th, 2015

Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, (UNAM), the National Human Rights Commission (CNDH) and Carlos Slim Foundation signed a collaboration agreement in order to work together to promote and improve the living conditions of the Mexican community that for several reasons, resides in the United States.

This, through an institutional alignment that may lead to the development of joint development activities in areas such as education, training, research, science and culture dissemination, as well as the promotion of human rights of Latino migrants in the American Union, as it was established in the document signed by the Principal, José Narro Robles; the CNDH's President, Luis Raúl González Pérez; and Marco Antonio Slim Domit, Secretary of the directive board for Carlos Slim Foundation.

CNDH's President, Luis Raúl González, referred that this body is pleased of joining efforts with UNAM and the Foundation, in order to create mechanisms that assist nationals and, in general, to help the Latin population in US overcome the barriers found upon the intercultural process in that country.

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## THE NATIONAL OMBUDSMAN CONDEMNS THE BARBARIC ACTS THAT TOOK PLACE IN FRANCE AND EXPRESSES HIS SOLIDARITY TO VICTIMS

CGCP/343/15 November 13th, 2015

The National Ombudsman, Luis Raúl González Pérez, expressed his dismay for the attacks occurred in Paris, France, which caused the death of an unknown number of people. At condemning these facts, he highlighted that these acts of barbarism should not happen anywhere.

Through some letters addressed to Jacques Toubon, Defender of the Rights of the French Republic; Maryse Bossière, Ambassador of the French Republic in Mexico, and Christine Lazerqes, President of the National Consultive Commission for Human Rights at the French Republic, he

presented his solidarity and condemned violence because it is an irrational way for conflicts resolution.

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## THROUGH OUT THE PROGRAM "WITH YOU BACK HOME", CNDH WILL OBSERVE THE RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS OF NATIONALS RETURNING FROM THE UNITED STATES

#### CGCP/344/15 November 15th, 2015

The National Human Rights Commission (CNDH) will launch the program "With you back home", in order to ensure that human rights of the Mexican nationals that are returning from the United States to visit these holidays their families in Mexico, are respected.

During the rest of year and until January 8th, 2016, CNDH's staff will keep its presence in bus stations, airports, customs, international bridges, checkpoints,

and at main ports of entry along the northern border.

Deputy visitors from this National Organism's "Migrant Assistance Program" will remain vigilant and will provide nationals human rights information; also they will channel complaints and requests to the appropriate authorities. These complaints and requests will be followed up until its final solution.

These facilities are located in Coatzacoalcos, Veracruz; San Cristóbal de las Casas y Tapachula, Chiapas; Tijuana, Baja California; Ixtepec, Oaxaca; San Luis Potosí, SLP; Reynosa, Tamaulipas; Villahermosa, Tabasco; Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua; Nogales, Sonora; Aguascalientes, Aguascalientes; Mérida, Yucatán; Acapulco, Guerrero; La Paz, Baja California Sur; Torreón.

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## AFRO-DESCENDANTS PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES SEEK FOR LEGAL RECOGNITION; ALSO TO INFLUENCE POLICIES AND DEVELOPMENT IN THEIR COUNTRY

CGCP/346/15 November 17th, 2015

At the XVI National Encounter of Afro-Mexican peoples, representatives of indigenous peoples and communities presented an amend initiative to the article 2° of the Political Constitution of the United States of Mexico in order to achieve the recognition of the Afro-descendants people, who wish to be considered at the design of the public policies and in the promotion of cultural, economic, political and social development.

The referred initiative was provided to the Senator Eviel Pérez Magaña, President of the Indigenous Commission of the Senate. At the event were present, Daniel Ponce Vázquez, representative of the Secretary of the Inte-

rior, Miguel Ángel Osorio Chong; Sandile Nogxina, Ambassador of South Africa in Mexico; Helen Peña, Director of the International NGOs Executive Secretariat, Octavio Nájera, representative of the Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana Iztapalapa, and the local deputy Carlos Ramos, as well as representatives of the different civil Afro-Mexican bodies and institutions.

The representative of CNDH highlighted the importance of the recognition that the Afro-descendants population have for the National Agency, as well as the tasks of rapprochement that the organism carries out with different social organizations to deep into the matter and that the social

sector members could demand and make effective their human rights.

She noted that racial discrimination persists in our country against afro-descendants persons is a theme of priority and stressed the institutional commitment of CNDH to carry out tasks allowing appropriate visibility of the Afro-Mexican population, likewise to advance in the recognition of their collective rights in the Mexican Constitution.

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## CNDH CONDUCTS EXPERT WORKSHOP ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

CGCP/349/15 November 21st, 2015

As part of CNDH's activities of promotion to the right of a heal-thy environment, and near to the negotiations on climate change that will be held at the end of this year at Paris, national and international experts participated in the workshop "Climate Change and Human Rights: a challenge for COP21" organized by the National Human Rights Commission.

At the opening session Dr. Jorge Ulises Carmona Tinoco, Sixth General Visitor, highlighted the CNDH's commitment to build bridges that allow us understand the linkages between climate change and human rights, and thus to be able to conduct timely actions in this regard. For his part, Mr. Héctor Dávalos, Executive Secretary of the National

Commission, reminded that the combat of climate change has been inserted fully exercised into the new global development agenda, mainly in the sustainable development goals.

Central part of the discussion was focused on the ongoing negotiations on climate change, whose next session (COP 21) will be held at Paris in December of this year, in order to adopt a new international legal instrument that will allow international control emissions and will reduce the emissions that cause global warming.

In this respect, experts stressed the importance that in this instrument should be incorporated in both: at the preamble and in the operational part; a strong human rights language that facilitates the implementation of the States' commitments, and that will encourage the participation

of non-governmental actors at this global response.

The workshop was attended by representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, of the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, of the National Institute on Ecology and Climate Change, as well as civil society organizations such as the Mexican Center for Environmental Law, The Inter-American Association for Environmental Defense, Center for Environmental International Law and Earthjustice.



#### **Responsible Authority** Issue National Security On the case of violation of the RECOMMENDATION Commission right to health and loss of life 38/2015 of V1, who was inmate at the November 9, 2015 CNS Federal Social Rehabilitation http://www.cndh.org.mx/ Center Number 11, in Hermosillo, sites/all/doc/Recomendaciones/2015/Rec 2015 038.pdf Sonora.

Responsible Authority	Issue	
General Directorate of the Mexican Social Security Institute.  INSTITUTO MEXICANO DEL SEGURO SOCIAL SEGUROAD Y SOLIDARIDAD SOCIAL	On the case of obstetric violence, violations of the right to protection of health and life in detriment of V1.	RECOMMENDATION 39/2015 November 12, 2015 http://www.cndh.org.mx/ sites/all/doc/Recomendacio- nes/2015/Rec_2015_039.pdf

Responsible Authority	Issue	
Government of Veracruz State	On the case of the obstetric violence and violation of the right to health protection in detriment of V1, health protection	RECOMMENDATION 40/2015 November 23, 2015
VERACRUZ GOBIERNO DEL ESTADO	in detriment of V3 and V4, and right to life in detriment of V4 in the Regional Civil "Dr. Emilio Alcázar Castellanos" in Tuxpan, Veracruz, depend from the health services of the federal entity.	http://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/all/doc/Recomendaciones/2015/Rec_2015_040.pdf

Responsible Authority	Issue	
Mexican Institute of Social Security	On the case of inadequate medical care and obstetric violence, in detriment of V1 at the Rural	RECOMMENDATION 41/2015 November 23, 2015
INSTITUTO MEXICANO DEL SEGURO SOCIAL SEGURDAD Y SOLIDARIDAD SOCIAL	Hospital Oportunidades no. 35 from the Mexican Social Security Institute at Santiago Jamiltepec, Oaxaca.	http://www.cndh.org.mx/ sites/all/doc/Recomendacio- nes/2015/Rec_2015_041.pdf

Responsible Authority	Issue	
Commission of the National Migration Institute	On the case of several human rights violations committed by personnel of the National Migration Institute attached to the International Airport of Mexico City in detriment to the users.	RECOMMENDATION 42/2015 November 30, 2015  http://www.cndh.org.mx/ sites/all/doc/Recomendacio- nes/2015/Rec 2015 042.pdf

Responsible Authority	Issue	
Constitutional Government of Sonora State.	On the case of the violation to the right of self-determination and due process in detriment of V1 and V2, Yaqui Indians.	RECOMMENDATION 43/2015 November 30, 2015  http://www.cndh.org.mx/ sites/all/doc/Recomendacio- nes/2015/Rec_2015_043.pdf

Autoridad	Asunto	
Constitutional Government of Tabasco State.  GOBIERNO DEL TABASCO	On the case of obstetric violence and violations to the right of health protection in detriment of V1 and V3, also in the loss of pregnancy product V2, on hospitals that depend from the Health Services of Tabasco State.	RECOMMENDATION 44/2015 November 30, 2015  http://www.cndh.org.mx/ sites/all/doc/Recomendacio- nes/2015/Rec 2015 044.pdf

#### **Article of the month**

#### **Saying no more impunity**

**IFEX** 

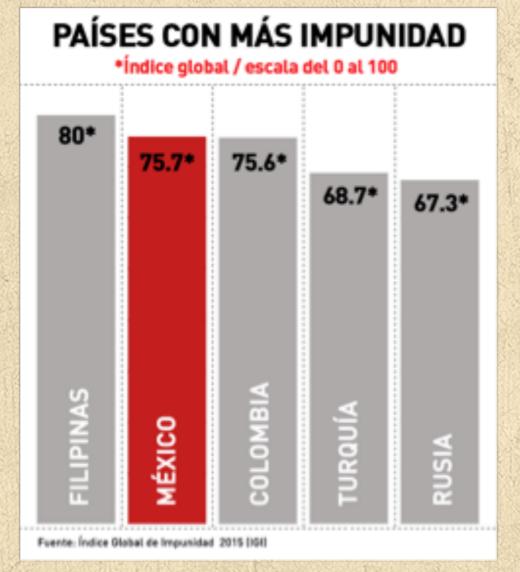
November 2nd, 2015

Annie Game, executive director of IFES, reflects upon four years of fighting against impunity and establishes from now on, the strategy "No more impunity".

Impunity has always occupied a prominent place among IFEX members. This is explained not only by the terrible statistics of journalists that are threatened, attacked and murdered each year doing their work, but also by knowing crimes' authors still get away from justice. We fight against this alarming trend with time, resources and our hearts.

IFEX members dedicate significant human and financial resources to pursue cases of impunity research, write reports, seek legal support and work with survivors, relatives and co-workers who are often terrified and disconsolate.

And this will continue. Four years ago, on November 23rd, 2011, we launched our first campaign "The World day against Impunity", by using letters, social media, petitions and protests.



http://www.ifex.org/international/2015/11/02/game\_no\_impunity\_statement/es/

Book of the month

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#### I am Malala (Printed)

#### MALALA YOUSAFZAI; CHRISTINA LAMB

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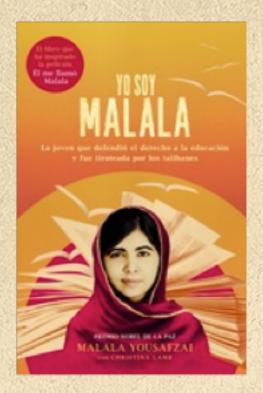
« WHO IS MALALA? », ASKED THE MAN WIELDING THE WEAPON. I AM MALALA. THIS IS MY STORY. When the Taliban took under control Swat Valley a girl fought for her education right.

On Tuesday October 9th, 2012 she almost paid this gesture with her life when she was shot at her

head. Malala Yousfazai extraordinary journey has taken her from a remote valley at the northern part of Pakistan to the United Nations in New York. She has become into a global character of pacific protest and is the youngest person in history to receive the Nobel Peace Prize.

"I am Malala" make us to believe in the power of one person's voice to change the world. «Exciting and revealing. » «The story of immense courage and conviction.» #IAmMalala.

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