




# Newsletter





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THE NATIONAL OMBUDSMAN CALLS TO OVERCOME THE INDIFFERENCE FOR SITUATIONS THAT DENY DIGNITY AND CANCEL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

DGC/216/17  
June 29, 2017



The National Ombudsman, Luis Raúl González Pérez, called society and authorities to not close their eyes or to pretend the non-existence of exploitation, violence and maltreatment against children and adolescents. He also pointed out that: “we cannot stay indifferent, as facing situations that deny their dignity and cancel their possibilities to a harmonic and full development”.

He highlighted that the issues and the challenges that are presented for the respect and the validity of children’s and adolescents’ human rights are these ones: to ensure that they are considered as subjects of rights and not only as objects of legal protection, until the emergence of ways and means that provide them with effective access to justice. For these it is necessary joint and articulated actions from authorities and society.

He noted the importance on raising the visibility and attending themes such as the work that children have done as agricultural employees or boys, girls and adolescents who are migrating. These both issues demand urgent attention and action, because they deny a future and the possibilities to a dignified life to them, and it is a right they own.

Before Luis Raúl González opened the forum of analysis called “The Rights of Children and Adolescents in Mexico, the 2030 Agenda”, he pointed out that the main direction of the ODS are “Not leaving anyone behind”. This motto advise us the special importance of public policies that attend the childhood and the adolescence, because the main obstacles for the materialization of social equality, access to justice and human rights fulfillment, find its origin on structural issues that need to be identified in order to design affordable solutions.

He referred that according with data produced by the University UNAM, in our country there are 3.6 million of children between 5 and 17 years old that work. This is not only affecting their rights, but also it reduced their life expectancy as consequence of an exposure to a condition of vulnerability. He also said that the ODS and human rights have an interconnectedness, and for that reason the ODS’s fulfillment provides a positive reaction to the enjoyment of people’s human rights. In the other hand, without the appropriate protection of human rights and their guarantees, it would be impossible to access to its full contentment.

He emphasized that the 2030 Agenda goals address to make effective elemental rights such as health, education, substantive equity, to a life free of violence, and to prioritize severe social problems attention such as poverty and social inequality. Besides, it assimilates gender perspectives, life cycle and public policies mainstreaming. He expressed that this forum’s results will have a positive impact in the path that we, as a society and country, still have to travel in order to reach the full applicability of human rights.

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## **POVERTY, EXTREME POVERTY AND VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS ARE THE MAIN REASON FOR THE ANALYSIS FORUM ABOUT THEIR RIGHTS AND THE UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT 2030 AGENDA**

*June 24, 2017*

The Forum of Analysis called “Childhood and Adolescence in Mexico and the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda” was organized by the National Human Rights Commission (CNDH) and the International Organization Childfund on June 29 and 30 of this year, at the Royal Pedregal Hotel, in Mexico City.

The people who assisted to the event are: the President of the National Human Rights Commission, Luis Raúl González Pérez; Jan Jarab, Representative of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights; Roberto Campa Cifrián, Deputy Secretary for Human Rights at the Ministry of the Interior; Christian Skoog, Representative of UNICEF Mexico; Esmeralda Arosemena de Troitiño, Rapporteur on Childhood rights at the Inter-American Human Rights Commission; Víctor Alberto Giorgi Gómez, General Director of the Inter-American Institute of Children and Adolescents; Daniel Ponce Vázquez, Representative of the Executive Secretary of the National Integral Protection System of Children and Adolescents; Ismael Eslava Pérez and Héctor Dávalos Martínez, First General Visitor and the Executive Secretary of the CNDH, respectively.

This Forum is a sign of the commitment that the CNDH and ChildFund have upon the defense and promotion of childhood’s and adolescents’ rights. Likewise, it offers an opportunity to strengthen the cooperation between the public private and social sector.

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## THE CNDH CONFIRMS ITS COMMITMENT WITH FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND WITH THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION, AND EXPRESSES ITS SOLIDARITY WITH JOURNALISTS

June 7, 2017  
DGC/186/17

The National Human Rights Commission (CNDH) reiterates its commitment with freedom of expression and with the right to information; it expresses its solidarity and support to journalists, mainly to those who have been victims, because of their professional exercise. It requires authorities to clarify facts and combat prevailing impunity, instigated by the structural crisis that is suffering the law enforcement in our country.

We are commemorating the World Press Freedom Day in Mexico in a year in which seven journalists were murdered; it is 5% of the total amount registered in the last 17 years, and with an important number of grievances, intimidations and threats to other communicators and news media. These facts reflect the resurgence of the attacks on freedom of speech, the vulnerability in which members of this group are and the lack of effective mechanisms to investigate those violations. This situation also shows the weakness of our law enforcement system.

In this sense, the CNDH underlines the importance for this journalist and their families that have been victims to exercise their right to truth, in order that those facts does not prevail within impunity and for the people, in general, to know the truth of what happened and to live in peace. This National Commission affirms that authorities of the three government branches should create safe environments so that journalists can make their work without fears, without bonds, threats and victimizations, and for media and communicators to be determinants of a free society and the democratic development.

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## THE CNDH, UNHCHR AND OAXACA'S GOVERNMENT ANALYZED NOCHIXTLAN CASE AND SEVERAL HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES, FROM A PERSPECTIVE OF DIALOGUE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT FULFILLMENT

June 16, 2017  
DGC/197/17



The meeting was celebrated by the Governor of Oaxaca's state, Alejandro Murat Hinojosa; the representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Jan Jarab and the President of the National Human Rights Commission Luis Raúl González Pérez. They addressed an agenda integrated by 4 points.

They all talk and analyzed issues such as: i) the strengthening of policies' capacities in Oaxaca; ii) the fulfillment and protection of human rights; iii) the creation of protocols and; iv) the strengthening of the security commands, mainly when the three government branches participate.

Likewise, they agreed on the review of the criminal investigations upon the facts occurred one year ago in Asunción Nochixtán, Oaxaca, which are alleged human rights violations. They highlighted that in the solutions to these problems, it must prevail the dialogue and the respect for the rule of law.

In addition, they discussed upon the implementation of the prior, free, informed and of good will consultation, a right that belongs to the indigenous peoples in all the actions that tend to implement public policies for a comprehensive regional development. Finally, they conversed

about preventive attention and, where appropriate, exhaustive investigations of human rights violations that affect defenders and journalists.

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## CNDH AFFIRMS THAT OLDER ADULTS ARE RIGHTS' HOLDERS AND IT URGED FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO SIGN THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THEIR PREROGATIVES

DGC/201/17  
June 19, 2017

The National Ombudsman, Luis Raúl González Pérez, participated, together with the Governor Rubén Moreira and the Local Ombudsman, Xavier Diez de Urdanivia, in the forum titled "Human Rights of Older Adults", in the context of the commemoration of the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day and the 25 Anniversary of the local Human Rights Commission of Coahuila's state.

During the event, he ensured that as people age, they should continue enjoying their life in a full, independent, autonomous

way, with health, security, and integration, and an active participation in political, economic, social and cultural scopes. Therefore, he expressed the need to approach the issues that concern the elder people from a human rights approach, and he called the federal government to sign and ratify the Inter-American Convention on Protecting the Human Rights of Older.

After emphasizing that consultations on the topic with Federal Executive organisms and civil society organizations are ending,

he called to intensify the results, so that the Foreign Affairs Ministry initiates the respective proceedings for its signature and ratification. This fact will allow broaden older adult's rights protection, and will favor the process of harmonizing the national legislation and the establishment of mechanisms to ensure elders' human rights protection.

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## AT COMMEMORATING THE WORLD REFUGEE DAY, THE CNDH CALLED TO INCREASE, REINFORCE AND PROMOTE ACTIONS THAT PROTECT REFUGEES' AND PERSONS' SEEKING ASYLUM OR INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION HUMAN RIGHTS.

DGC/202/17  
June 20, 2017

On December 4, 2000, the United Nations (UN) General Assembly declare June 20 as the World Refugee Day so that it can match with the 50th Anniversary of the Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees (1951). In the last report made by the UNHCR from 2015, "Global Tendencies", it informed that the total number of refugees increased in a meaningful and systematic way. It showed up that 65.3 millions of people suffer displacement at the end of 2015, in comparison to the 59.5 million people displaced, one year before.

The CNDH urged the Mexican State to continue prioritizing actions for refugees' human rights protection. It also called to assess the situation of vulnerability in which they are from a comprehensive perspective. Consequently, the government should ensure extraordinary measures for protection of children who are in this condition. These measures are established on the Mexican legal framework as in international treaties signed and ratified by our country.



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## THE CNDH REAFFIRMS ITS CALL IN ORDER TO AVOID SETBACKS UPON ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION ACTIONS

DGC/210/17

June 25, 2017

The CNDH co-organized with the Coordination on Environment of the Research Institute for Equity Development, and with the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, the Ministry of Social Development and Energy, as well as the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate of the Republic, the forum “The Right to a Healthy Environment in Mexico,

100 years since the Constitution”. The event held at the Iberoamerican University on June 22, had the purpose of joining forces to face the challenges on healthy environment protection.

During his keynote, Luis Raúl González Pérez noted the evolution on international and constitutional law in environmental protection. Nevertheless, in this


context, he said that the gap between written mandate and its fulfillment remains significant.

Likewise, he respectfully requested to defend and not to undermine the international cooperation on this matter, because of decisions that some countries have adopted with false nationalism. This fact ignores the importance of global actions in order to address phenomena such as climate change, regarding specifically recent North American authorities’ determinations.





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## Recommendations

Responsible Authority	Issue	Recommendation
<p>Government of Tabasco’s state</p> 	<p>About the case of obstetric violence and violations to the right of healthcare and life in detriment of V1, in hospitals of the Health Ministry at Tabasco’s state.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDATION No. 24/2017 June 21, 2017</p> <p><a href="http://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/all/doc/Recomendaciones/2017/Rec_2017_024.pdf">http://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/all/doc/Recomendaciones/2017/Rec_2017_024.pdf</a></p>



Responsible Authority	Issue	Recommendation
<p>Mexican Social Security Institute</p> 	<p>About the case of violations to the human rights of equality and non-discrimination, of legality, and to the violation of the human right of work in its modality of preventing access to work, committed in detriment of V, in Oaxaca's state.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDATION No. 25/2017 June 26, 2017</p> <p><a href="http://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/all/doc/Recomendaciones/2017/Rec_2017_025.pdf">http://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/all/doc/Recomendaciones/2017/Rec_2017_025.pdf</a></p>

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<p>Constitutional Government of Oaxaca's State</p> 	<p>About the case of the violation to the human rights to the protection of health and life in violation of V1, in the Health Center of San Miguel Coatlán of Oaxaca's State.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDATION No. 26/2017 June 27, 2017</p> <p><a href="http://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/all/doc/Recomendaciones/2017/Rec_2017_026.pdf">http://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/all/doc/Recomendaciones/2017/Rec_2017_026.pdf</a></p>

Article of the month

Torture in Mexico, still widely adopted ONU

The rapporteur regrets to conclude once again that torture and maltreatment, still, are generalized in Mexico. Torture, which includes in worrying occasions the use of sexual violence, is used to punish or to get information or confessions".

Several organizations manifest that torture is widely used by security forces and investigation agents. "Despite public authorities' declarations, there are no specific impartial and independent investigations and all these are linked with the prevailing impunity that exists in Mexico".

The Rapporteur wants to express with worrisome his concern that according with data published by IGI, Mexico ranks in the 58th place of 59 countries that suffers the greatest levels of impu-

nity. The 98 percent of felonies committed in Mexico remain unpunished. However, what it is more distressing is the lack of official data about charges and condemns by acts of torture.

Despite the fact that the expert could not carry out the monitoring visit requested by the Mexican Government, Méndez sent a questionnaire that contains queries related with relevant recommendations made in his first report and conducted a consultation to the State, to 54 civil society organizations, and to the 33 Human Rights Commissions.

[http://diario.mx/Nacional/2017-02-24\\_0cfe228c/tortura-en-mexico-aun-generalizada-onu/](http://diario.mx/Nacional/2017-02-24_0cfe228c/tortura-en-mexico-aun-generalizada-onu/)



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## CHILD LABOR: EXPLOITATION OR NEED

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EDITORIAL: POPULAR  
LANGUAGE: SPANISH  
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Child labor, multidimensional phenomenon aggravated by neoliberal globalization, requires from an outreach and precise answers. The occidental ideas predominance in the field determines the essence of the existing policies, and that confuse the defense of the “best interest of the child” against child labor abolition.

Working children movements disprove this confusion and demands his/her right to have a “dignify” work. This book tries to give a closer overview to reality.



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