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The voice of the president

THE CNDH PRESENTED ITS 2018 WORKING ANNUAL REPORT BEFORE THE EXECUTIVE POWER IN WRITING TO THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

DGC/213/19

June 3, 2019

After delivering the annual report to the executive power, Luis Raúl González Pérez, national Ombudsperson, delivered a speech in which he said that Mexico and society need answers and truth, no rhetoric and post-truth, and he asked for a strong institutionality that consolidates our democracy and strengthens the unity of a nation.

The President of the National Commission of Human Rights (CNDH) affirmed that 2018 was a critical year for human rights, in which complaints about health, security, and justice were the main topics where human rights were affected. During 2018, serious problems remained like thousands of people disappeared, torture, internal forced displacement, exploitation and abuse of migrants, clandestine graves, gender violence, human trafficking, as well as attacks and killings against journalists and human rights defenders.

After reminding that it is clear that in the past there were serious deficiencies and omissions from officials of different levels of government that infringed legality and the validity of human rights, the national Ombudsperson said that in the first months of 2019, acts and omissions are piling up which make one think that fostering the validity of human rights is not being taken as premise and limit of all public acting; nor adopting measures to revert the delicate situation of various topics our country is facing over the years.

On a press conference, after delivering the CNDH 2018 Activities Report to the Executive Power through Olga Sánchez Cordero, Secretary of the Interior, the president of the CNDH pointed out that beyond being a formal act, the encounter with the executive power used to result in the presentation of the annual report and to open a space for the CNDH to expose an annual balance on human rights. Also, it used to help rethink in retrospective over the challenges and situations that demanded special attention in that particular year. In 2019, several topics are not being solved by not having space for human rights to be heard.

In his speech, he affirmed that by weakening democratic institutionality, eliminating or lessening checks and balances between authorities and powers, or restraining and condemning the legit exercise of human rights and dissent, Mexico will not advance on the road to legality and respect of human dignity. Our country must have spaces and ways to make possible thinking and understanding based on plurality, tolerance, respect to people and ideas to build consensus benefiting country and society. Legality, respect to human dignity and validity of human rights ought to be common ground that unites us, identifies us and allow us to support any change in Mexico.

He emphasized that independently of disciplinary budget measures or crimes probes, Mexico has to allocate necessary funds to make valid human rights, including the right to health. Such duty subsists even before budget cuts and adjustments. There are areas in which the allocation of funds cannot only depend on economic calculation or administrative decisions, like public health services, where the lack of economic, material and staff resources implies the difference between health and sickness, and even in serious cases, between life and death.

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There is no economy, saving or austerity measure that compensates or justifies unnecessary risk health, integrity and people's life. Weakening or make dysfunctional health systems implies a violation to human rights. The irregularities from the past must be investigated and sanctioned; problems from present time require proper actions and urgent attention. The lack of support to child daycare facilities and shelters, facilities addressing persons with disabilities, downgrading civil society organizations and journalists, and the need to preventing speeches dividing people are topics that must be reviewed searching the biggest protection and validity of rights.

He said that authorities have to act to make sense, validity and guarantee to human rights. Expressing commitment to respecting rights is not enough to provide relevance and viability to adopted policies and actions to be implemented. Truth is not built on speech or sayings. Facts, concrete evidence is proof of the level of commitment and respect for human rights. Mexico and its society need answers and truth, not rhetoric and post-truth. Objective evidence, data, and rule of law must be considered to substantiate national debate over ideology and politics whose only support is speeches.

The existence of our democracy and the validity of our rights depend on that Mexicans are informed about government actions and the development of the public activity. Information and transparency are rights that ought to be prevailed and strengthened. It is a priority to create a favorable environment for journalism and the defense of human rights, which passes through promoting the respect of information and transparency, acknowledging their importance in a democratic society and preventing their stigmatization and downgrading. About violence against journalists and human rights defenders, along the first months of 2019, 12 killings happened; in the past years, impunity has been a constant in the kind of cases.

On his message, talking about security and justice, the Ombudsperson said a light analysis of the facts that provoke chains of illegality would be enough to learn that no matter how well trained and equipped a police corps is, will have a minimum repercussion on the strengthening of the rule of law and realization of access to justice, if the law is not applied and crimes are not prosecuted duly and professionally. In its current conception, the National Guard regarding fighting crime, it can only imply deterrence or containment with limited and short-term effect. Little or nothing will come from fighting impunity if crimes are not investigated and the legal ruling is not duly based unless we address topics la operation and autonomy of the 33 general prosecutors in the country.

The observance of the rule of law is possible and compatible along with the prevention and prosecution of crimes regarding the respect of human rights. The defense of human rights does not promote the non-compliance of the law or its negotiation. On the contrary, only in the frame of the law, human rights can realize and be valid. All the people, including those who committed a crime and officials in charge of administrating justice, have human rights. These rights have to be respected by the law. As long as authorities meet their duties according to the norms and are respectful of people's dignity, their conduct will not be questioned because of human rights violations.

He recognized that deficiencies and omissions from officials in the past are useful to explain the current situation, but not to justify not to acting or trying to divert attention from serious problems. An authority that acted wrongfully has to be investigated and punished; the authority that does not respect those rights and its validity, and to the rule of law violates human rights and spawns different responsibilities. He pointed out that impunity is not something from the past but from the present time, a limit and a hurdle for social and economic development, and one of the biggest challenges that Mexico must face if it truly aspires to become a country of laws and rights for everyone. The observance of the law cannot be reached by violating the laws themselves.

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This need of legality passes through the claims of prior, free, informed, culturally suitable consent and of good faith according to international standards regarding projects and actions that could violate the rights of indigenous peoples and communities. There is also the need of addressing immigration from a complete perspective, without violating human rights, which allows having a legislation and policies that give certainty and could define responsibilities and rights to both authorities and migrants through their entrance and journey across our country, while adopting budget and administrative provisions for their validity and effective implementation.

González Pérez concluded reminding what Benito Juárez said on his speech on January 24, 1849 as governor of Oaxaca: “a democratic system and eminently liberal like our own, has base ground the strict observance of the law. Neither the infatuation of a single man, nor the interest of certain social class form its essence”, according to this, the punctual fulfillment of duties and the deepest respect and observance of the law, “form the character of a true liberal, of the best republican. Therefore, it is clear that on behalf of freedom is never lawful to commit the minor abuse”.

The CNDH has been and is a State autonomous institution, independent from governments and political parties. Its spirit and justification are to serve Mexico and Mexicans; it has joined victims and has made its work as an institutional counterweight against abuse of power, giving people a way to defend and protect themselves.

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Event of the month

DGC/214/19

THE CNDH NOTES THAT PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES FACE BIG BACKLOGS ON ACCESSIBILITY, ACCESS TO HEALTH, JOB, EDUCATION, INDEPENDENT LIFE, EQUAL RECOGNITION AS AN INDIVIDUAL IN THE LAW AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

Zapotlán el Grande, Jalisco, June 4, 2019

The National Commission of Human Rights and the National System for Integral Family Development of the Municipality of Zapotlán el Grande, Jalisco signed a collaboration agreement which will help favoring persons with disabilities who are facing big backlogs on accessibility, access to health, job, education, independent life, equal recognition as an individual in the law and political participation.

The National Commission of Human Rights (CNDH) stressed that more than 7.2 million persons with disabilities in Mexico must not be seen as charity and assistance figures to truly become rights and duties holders, by respecting their fundamental freedoms.

The National Ombudsperson, Luis Raúl González Pérez highlighted that limiting attention to persons with disabilities to a medical care model is a clear proof of a mistaken view and against the social and human rights approach. He pointed out that those people face big backlogs on accessibility, access to health, job, education, independent life, equal recognition as an individual in the law and political participation, among others.

He also said that attention towards disability is crosscutting and covers all areas and levels of governments. It covers not only the medical topic but also when the marginalization of the persons with disabilities makes necessary social assistance that must be provided on a human rights perspective.

The President of the State Commission of Human Rights of Jalisco, Alfonso Hernández Barrón, and the Municipal President of Zapotlán el Grande, José de Jesús Guerrero Zúñiga, joined him.

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THE CNDH ISSUES A RECOMMENDATION TO THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND PROTECTION FOR GRAVE VIOLATIONS TO HUMAN RIGHTS ATTRIBUTED TO FEDERAL POLICEMEN IN ACAPULCO, GUERRERO.

DGC/212/19

June 2, 2019

The National Commission of Human Rights (CNDH) issued Recommendation 20VG/2019 to the Secretary of Public Safety and Protection, Francisco Alfonso Durazo Montañón, for grave violations to human rights due to sexual violence in detriment of a male person, and other violations to freedom, personal safety, and legality for his arbitrary detention and illegal retention along with two more people, as well as to personal integrity for acts of physical torture in detriment of the last two, attributed to federal police officers on March 2015.



After the investigations, this national body established grave violations to the human rights of one of the victims regarding the actions of federal police officers. According to expert opinion on medicine and psychology from personnel from the CNDH over possible torture and mistreatment, the officers damaged her physical and emotional integrity because of torture and sexual violence after her arrest. The damage consisted on rubbing her genitals with a baton while somebody else stepped on her face, pulling her arms up, during the "scuffle" a part of the baton got into her, and she was beaten.

Recommendation 20VG/2019 was duly notified to the alleged authority and can be read on www.cndh.org.mx.

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THE CNDH AFFIRMS THAT FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION TO BE COMPLETE AND FREE, IT HAS TO BE EXERCISED SAFELY

DGC/217/19

June 7, de 2019



In the frame of the World Freedom of Speech Day, June 7, the National Commission of Human Rights (CNDH) highlights once again that freedom of speech is a vital right of any democratic regime; that is why its complete and free exercise demands to create the right conditions for journalists and the media to be able to use it safely.

Luis Raúl González Pérez, President of the National Commission of Human Rights, underscored that beyond political bias and junctures of any kind, 148 journalists were killed since 2000, 7 of them in 2019. Because of this, Mexico is the country with the largest number of journalists killed in Latin-American; all of this show than journalism is a high-risk job in Mexico.

Yet, authorities have not been able to implement public policies that allow seeing the end of violence against journalists. The States with the largest number of journalists killed are Veracruz (22), Tamaulipas (16), Guerrero (16), Oaxaca (16) and Chihuahua (14).

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THE CNDH WELCOMES THE COMING INTO EFFECT OF THE EQUITY AND PARITY OF GENDER WHICH PUTS WOMEN IN THE PUBLIC SPACE AND ENDS SOCIAL STEREOTYPES AND THE DEMOCRATIC SHORTFALL BECAUSE OF GENDER



DGC/218/19

June 8, 2019

The National Commission of Human Rights (CNDH) welcomes the coming into effect of the constitutional reform that guarantees equity and parity of gender on public service and on political representation, which respond to the demand of a balanced representation of women and men that is enshrined in international documents and the global agenda.

For this national commission, such reform represents a breakup of social stereotypes and gender roles because it puts women in the public space and to the access to power. Also, justice is made of decades of struggle to overcome the democratic shortfall on gender.

The CNDH recognizes the great progress that means #ParidadEnTodo and recognizes that our country gives a step towards the right to substantive equity between women and men.

So far, this national body has emphasized that women keep participating marginally on the command and power decision-taking that define Mexico's destiny, given that the percentage of their presence on responsibility posts and levels of hierarchy within the federal public administration (APF) is less than 25%. On the other side, their presence in the lower power posts reaches 47%. The "2017 Study over Equity between Women and Men on Posts and Wages in the Federal Public Administration".

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THE CNDH ISSUES A RECOMMENDATION TO THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE, SHCP, CONAMER AND DIF NACIONAL DUE TO VIOLATING REGRESSIVE MEASURES OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WHO WERE BENEFICIARIES OF THE FORMER CHILD DAY CARE PROGRAM

DGC/221/19

June 10, 2019

The repeal of the Operation Rules of the Child Day Care Program and the publication of the 2019 Support to Welfare of Girls and Boys, children of Working Mothers Program (Program of Support to Welfare) are a regressive measure that violates various human rights of people who were beneficiaries of childcare and attention centers, which have lessen their protection standards. That is why the National Commission of Human Rights (CNDH) issued the Recommendation 29/2019 on May 31.

Such measures violate the human rights of girls, boys, mothers, fathers, working parents and beneficiaries of the former Child Care Program. Therefore, the recommendation is aimed at the heads of the Ministry of Welfare, Ministry of Finance and Public Credit (SHCP), of the National Commission of Regulation Betterment (CONAMER); also, authorities who participated in the issuance of the Program of Support to Welfare, and of the National System for Integral Family Development (DIF Nacional), for the participation of that institution in the review of the childcare facilities.

From the facts and evidence, this national body learned that the Ministry of Welfare, the SHCP and CONAMER carried out an irregular process on the issuance of the Operation Rules of the Program of Support to Welfare.



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THE CNDH AFFIRMS THAT FIGHTING INEQUALITY AND POVERTY IS VITAL TO ERADICATE CHILD LABOR THAT VIOLATES THE HUMAN RIGHTS AND DIGNITY OF 3.2 MILLION GIRLS, BOYS AND TEENAGERS

DGC/224/19

June 12, 2019

The National Commission of Human Rights (CNDH) expresses that the fight against inequality and poverty affecting society is fundamental to eliminate child labor exploitation. In all its forms, it violates the rights of girls, boys, and teenagers, which affects their physical and psychological development, and their dignity, producing future serious consequences.

In Mexico, according to the 2017 INEGI Child Labor Module, the working population of girls, boys, and teenagers between the ages 5-17 reaches 3.2 million; Nayarit is the State with the largest rate (19.7%), Zacatecas comes next, 18.9%. The reason most common for them to work is affording their expenses, including those from school (22.1%), to help their families and because they like working (21.9%).

This poll also shows that the main consequence for minors to quit their jobs was the reduction on the income aimed to house expenses affecting family members. Likewise, the poll notes that 19.3% of girls and boys who do jobs not permitted for them and should go to secondary school, in fact, do not attend to it. The same situation happens to teenagers who should attend high school at 12.7%.



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STATEMENT OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS REGARDING THE IMMIGRATION POLICY RESULTING FROM THE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DGC/226/19

June 13, 2019



The talks that were public between the government of the United States of America and officials of the Mexican government to not impose tariffs on Mexican imports, reached an agreement on Mexico's immigration policy. Therefore, we express the following:

FIRST. We acknowledge that by the end of last year and during this one, migration flows from different countries have increased in Mexico. The numbers have passed the capabilities of immigration officials, which has made hard to reach a safe, orderly and regular migration as the Global Compact on this topic establishes. The compact was signed in Morocco on December 10, 2018, by many countries, Mexico included, and adopted by the

UN General Assembly. Immigration is a cultural patrimony of humankind.

SECOND. This council is concerned that the Mexican government makes a reality the security migration policy by sending 6,000 National Guard officers to contain migration flows in collaboration with the National Migration Institute, by enforcing the internment places and the migration checking in various southern states in Mexico without having clear what goals, limits of its intervention and acting protocols it has.

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THE CNDH HIGHLIGHTS THE HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS NEED SECURITY CONDITIONS TO EXERCISE THEIR ACTIVITIES

DGC/229/19

June 14, 2019

The National Commission of Human Rights (CNDH) underscores the importance of protecting, to not criminalizing and to not stigmatizing human rights defenders whose job replaces in many ways the duties that originally correspond to the State. Hence, it is necessary that authorities recognize that the job of defenders contributes to the well-being of society and to sustainable development of countries.



Such protection need comes from the aggressions, crimes, and abuse like killings, intimidation, threats, defamation campaigns, legal and administrative actions, among others. Authorities may be involved in this, as well as other people who act on their behalf to silence or weakening the complaints, so the human rights violators remain unpunished.

Since 2006, according to numbers of the CNDH, 46 human rights defenders have been murdered; 16 of them were women, and 5 more remain disappeared since 2009; this demands the attention and implementation of policies to prevent, investigate and punish violence against defenders.

The States with the largest number of killed defenders are Chihuahua 14; Guerrero 6; Oaxaca 6; Veracruz 3, and Sinaloa 2, which must sound the alarms on federal, state and municipal authorities to address this risk situation and to propose measures to avoid its repetition.

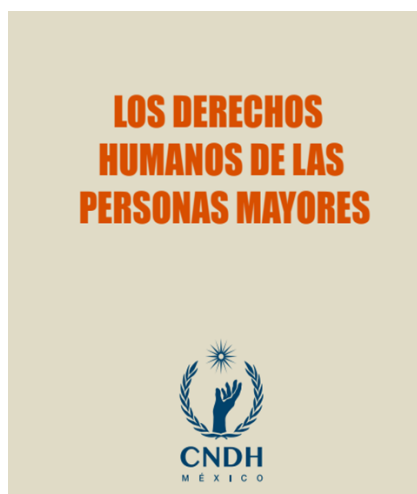
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THE CNDH ALERTS OVER THE RISK OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS OF 12.96 MILLION PERSONS ON THE AGES OF 60 OR MORE, AND CALLS UPON THE MEXICAN STATE TO RATIFY THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON PROTECTING THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF OLDER PERSONS

DGC/230/19

June 15, 2019

The National Commission of Human Rights considers that 12.96 million elder persons in the country (10.5% of the population, according to 2017 INEGI data) are exposed to violations of their fundamental human rights, since abuse and mistreatment in old age is a health and social problem that decreases their quality life and hurts their dignity. Furthermore, elder people face different obstacles to access labor and financial markets, to goods and services, as well as changes in family structures and new intergenerational relations.



This national body underlines that mistreatment and abuse in old age are crimes that are not generally denounce because of the family link between the aggressor and the victim, the economic and physical dependence of the victim or the lack of access of justice institutions.

According to numbers of the CNDH, on its "Special Report about the Rights of elder Persons" published on February, between January 1, 2014, and February 29, 2016, 34,200 complaints were filed for crimes against elder persons. 57% of them had to do with patrimony crimes (removal, robbery, fraud, damage to private property, among others); 16% for domestic violence; 8% for injuries; 5% for threats; 4% homicide and in a low percentage crimes like rape and sexual abuse; kidnapping; neglect; non-care; medical responsibility; human trafficking; exploitation and discrimination.

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THE CNDH IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE DELAYS AND BACKLOGS ON THE PROCEDURE TO OBTAIN A REFUGEE STATUS, AND THE BUDGET REDUCTION TO THE COMAR, AROUND 25.7 TO 20.8 MILLION PESOS

DÍA MUNDIAL DE LOS REFUGIADOS
20 de junio

DGC/235/19

June 20, 2019



The National Commission of Human Rights (CNDH) expresses its concern regarding the number of applicants for refugee status that on May 2019 already represents 80% of the percentage the overall number of 2018. It is expected that the number of applications in the same period will be superior; besides, it is clear that the delay and backlog in administrative procedures to obtain refugee status, which has influenced importantly on applicants to give up searching for that status. This shows that officials are passed by the worsening situation that Central America countries face, including Venezuela; in these countries, the number of people leaving somewhere else is increasing.

Also, the CNDH highlights the juncture of migration policy of Mexico, which influence on the refugee policy, especially on the actions to have a bigger control of the migration flows based on national security in opposition to human security. An example of this is the put of 6,000 officers of the National Guard in containment tasks in collaboration with the National Migration Institute because of the enforcing of the internment places and the migration checking in various southern states in Mexico.

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THE CNDH AFFIRMS THE CORRUPTION RESULTS IN DEFICIENCY AND INCREASES THE COST OF PUBLIC SERVICES, AFFECTS THE EXERCISE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, WEAKENS SOCIAL CONTRACT AND DRIVES AWAY INVESTMENT

DGC/236/19

June 22, 2019

The National Commission of Human Rights (CNDH) affirmed that the incorrect use of public funds or misappropriation because of corruption spawns deficiency on public services by the State and damages the exercise of human rights like the protection to health, education, access to justice, to truth, damage reparation, and a healthy environment, so, it is necessary to eradicate it.

The CNDH noted that the last "2017 National Poll of Quality and Government Impact" carried out by INEGI, showed that in that year, the cost of corruption for payments, procedures or claims reached 7,218 million pesos, this represents 12.5% more compared with 2015. While the cost of corruption on procedures before security official reached 1,377 million pesos, representing an increase of 37.3% compared with 2015. Therefore, it is necessary to strengthen the mechanisms recently implemented like the National Anticorruption System to fight this conduct.

The CNDH has expressed its concern because according to the 2018 Corruption Perception Index, our country holds the 138 place out of 180 countries in corruption in public service for obtaining a score of 28/100, where 0 is "highly corrupt" and 100 is "very clean".

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THE CNDH LAUNCHES ITS CESCER WEBSITE TO GET TO KNOW THE LEVEL OF RESPECT AND EXERCISE OF SUCH RIGHTS AND LEGAL STANDARDS FOR THEIR ENFORCEABILITY AND JUSTICIABILITY

DGC/239/19

June 26, 2019

The National Commission of Human Rights (CNDH) presented the Economic, Social, Cultural and environmental rights website (Micrositio DESCAR), which contains information and data to know the situation on the exercise and respect to the rights to health, education, job, social security, food, water and sanitation, housing, sport and culture; all together provide minimum standards for a worthy life.



Likewise, the website will allow making visible the interrelationship between the CESCER and the goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda. The agenda besides establishing priorities to the international community to reach sustainable development, it declares the way governments' actions must be lead to address topics like poverty, economic growth or climate change, and it gets close to other rights in a specific way.

This tool made by the National Commission of Human Rights (CNDH), in collaboration with Iniciativa Ciudadana y Desarrollo Social, A.C. (INCIDE Social), contains a compilation of sources and legal standards as a ground for the enforceability and justiciability of the CESCER. It will also be a guide of utility for people and national and international institutions to favor human rights for everyone.

Jorge Ulises Carmona Tinoco, Sixth General Visitor of the CNDH made the presentation and said that is not enough being holder of the CESCER and being able to demand them but it must be considered the evolution of the legal system to have mechanisms for their justiciability and to upgrade them for their enforceability in all levels of our national system, as well as in the regional and international spheres.

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THE CNDH AFFIRMS THAT TORTURE STOPS INSTITUTIONALITY AND THE RESPECT OF THE LAW. THE NATIONAL COMMISSION URGES TO ERADICATE IT TO CONSOLIDATE DEMOCRACY AND THE VALIDITY OF HUMAN RIGHTS

DGC/240/19

June 27, 2019



The National Commission of Human Rights (CNDH) underlines that torture in our country gets us away from the consolidation of institutionality and respect of legality. Whereas this scourge stands as the triumph of illegality over the law; abuse, violence, and intransigence over institutionality, and fear and terror over people's dignity.

The CNDH urges authorities and society to recognize, understand and see this problem right to the eye. Denying or relativizing torture does not help anyone and hurts everyone. Mexico has the institutional and normative structure to face this despicable practice and to consolidate its democracy, rule of law and recognition and validity of human rights.

For this national commission, torture is unjustifiable and unacceptable for any reason. There is no purpose to be tolerant towards it, nor acceptable levels. It is not a minor problem, neither an inherent practice on investigating crimes nor as a product of culture or way of justice rooted in the country. Torture is not a way of providing justice or having security but a crime. It is an abuse of power by pain, fear, humiliation, and subjugation; for the victim, it denies humanity and eliminates freedom and the capability of decision and to act.

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THE CNDH RECOGNIZES THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE LGBTI MOVEMENT AND HIGHLIGHTS THE NEED OF ENCOURAGING BIGGER EQUITY FOR THE RIGHTS OF ALL PEOPLE IN ALL FIELDS



DGC/243/19

June 28, 2019

National Commission of Human Rights (CNDH) notes that despite the progress on the recognition of the rights of the LGBTI population, discrimination remains in different social areas, from family to labor environments, what shows the urgent need of encouraging equity of rights in all fields along with the rest of the population.

On the occasion of the LGBTI pride parade that will take place on June 29, this national body highlights that according to the poll made by the CNDH and CONAPRED, 6 out of 10 people from that community suffered discrimination in the last year, and more than half (53%) said they suffered hatred, physical violence, and harassment.

For this national commission, same-sex marriage –19 out of 32 States allow it nowadays— and the access to health, housing, job and education without discrimination services are pending demands for the Mexican State to solve.

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PRONOUNCEMENT OF THE CNDH ABOUT THE STATEMENT FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OVER RECOMMENDATION 29/2019

DGC/245/19

June 28, 2019

Before the statements made by the President of the Republic today over the content on Recommendation 29/2019, related to violations to the human rights of beneficiaries of the “Program for Child Daycare facilities to support working Mothers”, the National Commission of Human Rights states:



PRONUNCIAMIENTO DE LA FMOPDH
SOBRE EL RECHAZO A LA RECOMENDACIÓN 29-2019
DE LA CNDH

1. This national body expresses its deep concern about the disqualification and other words made by the President of the Republic over the content on Recommendation 29/2019, and over the work of the National Commission of Human Rights, which the CNDH strongly denies; also, it regrets that instead of undertaking actions for a real respect and validity of human rights, it is chosen to mislead, and without arguments to create on society a wrongful perception about a case that implies violations to the rights of girls, boys, mothers, working parents and vulnerable groups who according to the Constitution and various international documents, he would have the duty to primarily guarantee the effective validity of their rights.

2. Recommendation 29/2019, was motivated by 204 complaints filed by 5,340 people. The recommendation declares based on norms and national and international documents, as well as on concrete, objective and verifiable evidence, several illegal acts and violations to the rights of girls, boys, mothers, and working parents as a result of the budget cuts and damages to the former Program of Child daycare facilities. Furthermore, the intent to charge the services and benefits that the facilities used to provide. The pronouncement of the CNDH neither violates nor promotes human rights violations, on the contrary, it demands the effective respect and validity of those rights before the arbitrary and groundless acts of those who infringe them.

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THE CNDH AFFIRMS THAT ADDITION OF SUBSECTION C TO ARTICLE 2 OF THE CONSTITUTION WILL BENEFIT 1.4 MILLION AFRO-DESCENDENT PERSONS, WHO ARE RECOGNIZED AS RIGHTS HOLDERS

DGC/249/19

June 30, 2019

National Commission of Human Rights (CNDH) celebrates the approval by the Chamber of representatives of the bill that adds subsection C to article 2 of the Constitution. So, Afro-Mexicans peoples and communities are recognized as members of this nation, such recognition directly benefits 1.4 million people who recognize themselves as Afro-descendants.



This bill, which recognizes members of that population as pluricultural part of the nation, as thus rights holders as Mexicans with traditional and ancient identity, was previously endorsed by the Senate and will be submitted to all State Congress for discussion and probable passing.

For this national commission, the recognition of the Afro-Mexicans peoples and communities becomes progress that will contribute to the strengthening of their rights and to not be discriminated, to participate in the development on conditions of equity and social inclusion. Persons from those peoples and communities have historically suffered racial discrimination and invisibility as rights holders. Therefore, this constitutional reform is so important.


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RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation	Issue	Responsible Authority
Recommendation No. 30/2019 June 6, 2019 http://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/all/doc/Recomendaciones/2019/Rec_2019_030.pdf	About the irregular detention in municipal prisons of Tecuala and Rosamorada in the State of Nayarit.	Superior Tribunal of Justice and the Council of the Judiciary of the State of Nayarit. 
Recommendation Recommendation No. 31/2019 June 7, 2019 http://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/all/doc/Recomendaciones/2019/Rec_2019_031.pdf	About violations to the human rights to legal safety, access to justice in administrative venue and to property in detriment of QV1, V2, V3 and V4, for acts and omissions attributed to the National Commission of Water.	Responsible Authority General Directorate of the National Commission of Water. 
Recommendation Recommendation No. 32/2019 June 11, 2019 http://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/all/doc/Recomendaciones/2019/Rec_2019_032.pdf	About the case of violations to the human rights to access to justice in its modality of administration, to truth, and to receive attention for being indirect victims in detriment of V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8 and V9; to the superior interest of the child in detriment of V3 and V9, in the investigation of the murder of V1, promoter and indigenous human rights defender and of the sacred site of Wirikuta, in the State of Nayarit.	Responsible Authority Government of the State of Nayarit and the General Prosecutor of the State of Nayarit.  




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Recommendation No. 33/2019 June 18, 2019 https://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/default/files/documentos/2019-07/Rec_2019_033.pdf	About the case of obstetric violence and violations to the human rights to health protection of V1 and V2, to life in detriment of V2 and to access to health information in detriment of V1, in the General Hospital zone 221 of the Mexican Social Security Institute In Toluca, State of Mexico.	Mexican Social Security Institute.  INSTITUTO MEXICANO DEL SEGURO SOCIAL SEGURIDAD Y SOLIDARIDAD SOCIAL
Recommendation Recommendation No. 34/2019 June 20, 2019 https://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/default/files/documentos/2019-07/REC_2019_034.pdf	About the case of violations to the human rights to health protection, to life, to the principle to the superior interest of the child and to access to health information in detriment of V1, person with disabilities, in the Family medical Unit 37 and the General Hospital Zone 2, both of the Mexican Social Security Institute, in Hermosillo, Sonora.	Mexican Social Security Institute.  INSTITUTO MEXICANO DEL SEGURO SOCIAL SEGURIDAD Y SOLIDARIDAD SOCIAL
Recommendation Recommendation No. 35/2019 June 21, 2019 https://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/default/files/documentos/2019-07/REC-2019-35.pdf	About the case of violations to the human rights to health protection of V2, to personal integrity and to the superior interest of the child in detriment of V1, in the Azcapotzalco North of Mexican Petroleum in Mexico City.	General Directorate of Mexican Petroleum  PEMEX® POR EL RESCATE DE LA SOBERANÍA

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Recommendation No. 36/2019 21 de junio de 2019 https://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/default/files/documentos/2019-06/REC_2019_036.pdf	About the case of violations to the human rights to legal safety and legality for the inviolability of domicile of V1, V2, V3, V4 and V5; to personal freedom, for the arbitrary detention of V1 and V2; to legality for the lack of notification, contact and consular assistance of V2, and to personal integrity for cruel, inhumane and degrading treatment, as well as to the superior interest of the child in detriment of V3, V4 and V5, minors at the time of the incident, attributed to servants of the Federal Police and the former Attorney General's Office, in Mexico City. Fiscalía General de la República	General Prosecutor's Office and Ministry of Public Safety and Protection.  
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Recommendation No. 37/2019 June 24, 2019 http://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/all/doc/Recomendaciones/2019/Rec_2019_037.pdf	About the case of violations to the human rights to personal integrity because of acts of torture and legal safety in detriment of V1 and V2, as well as to the principle of superior interest of the child in detriment of V1, migrants detained in the migratory station of the National Migration Institute in the State of Tlaxcala.	National Migration Institute and the State System for Integral Family Development of Tlaxcala.  
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Recommendation No. 38/2019 June 25, 2019 http://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/all/doc/Recomendaciones/2019/Rec_2019_038.pdf	About the case of violations to the human rights to legal safety, legality and superior interest of the child, in detriment of 112 applicants for the recognition of refugee status.	General Coordination of the Commission to Assist Refugees. 

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Recomendación No. 39/2019 June 26, 2019 https://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/default/files/documentos/2019-06/RECO_2019_039.pdf	About the case of violation to the human rights to inviolability of domicile, to freedom and personal safety in detriment of V1 to V23; to personal integrity for cruel, inhumane and degrading treatment and acts of torture against of V5, V6, V11, V12, V13, V17, V18, V19 and V20, as well as to the superior interest of the child in detriment of V3, V4, V5, V6, V9, V15, V17, V18, V19 and V23, and to access to justice in its modality of administration against V7 and his family, incident occurred in the Municipality of Macuspana, Tabasco.	Ministry of Public Safety and Protection, and General Prosecutor of the State of Tabasco. 
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Recommendation No. 40/2019 June 27, 2019 https://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/default/files/documentos/2019-07/RECO_040_2019.pdf	About the case of violations to the human rights to legal safety in detriment of Q-V1, Q-V2, Q-V3, V4, V5 and V6; to integrity and personal safety and to access to justice in detriment of Q-V1, Q-V2 and Q-V3 and to the superior interest of the child in detriment of Q-V2, Q-V3, V5 and V6, group of migrants, in the State of San Luis Potosí.	Commissioner of the National Migration Institute, General Directorate of the State System for Integral Family of San Luis Potosí. 
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Recommendation No. 41/2019 June 28, 2019 https://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/default/files/documentos/2019-07/Rec_2019_041.pdf	About the case of violations to the human rights to health protection and to life in detriment of V1 and the loss of product of pregnancy, in Hospitals of the Mexican Social Security Institute in the State of Guanajuato.	Mexican Social Security Institute. 

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Recomendación No. 42/2019

June 28, 2019

https://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/default/files/documentos/2019-07/REC_2019_042.pdf

Issue

About the impugnation appeal of R, 68-year-old person, for violations to the human rights to legal safety and legality, for non-execution of a ruling, attributed to the Municipality of Ciudad Ixtepec and y the Board of Arbitration for the employees of the powers of the State of Oaxaca.

Responsible Authority

Government of the State of Oaxaca and Municipality of Ciudad Ixtepec, Oaxaca.



ARTICLE OF THE MONTH

Desertification, one of the biggest environmental problems nowadays

Desertification is the degradation of land in arid, semi-arid and dry sub-humid areas. It is fundamentally caused by human activity and climate variations. Desertification is due to the vulnerability of the ecosystems of dry areas that cover a third of the planet, to overexploitation of soil and to inadequate use of land. It is mainly produced by the disappearance of the vegetation cover that keeps fertile land of the soil, because of deforestation for its wood value, use as fuel or to obtain farmlands.

Overgrazing or excessive livestock density, also hinders the regeneration of the plants at the pace that are consumed by animals. On these circumstances, wind and water do the rest. The persistence of this combination of factors turns degraded lands into deserts. A complex environmental threat that every time strikes stronger on the socioeconomic field causing more deaths and human displacement than any other natural disaster.

For the year 2025, nearly 1,800 million people will face a total lack of water. Besides, two-thirds of the world population will not have enough hydric resources. It is foreseen that for the year 2045 around 135 million people worldwide might be displaced from the places they live in today. Nowadays, the rhythm of degradation of cultivable lands increases 30 to 35 times faster than before in history.

https://www.nationalgeographic.com.es/naturaleza/desertificacion-uno-grandes-problemas-ambientales-actualidad_14425

BOOK OF THE MONTH

A long road: memories of a soldier kid

ISHMAEL BEAH

NUMBER OF PAGES: 272 PAGES.

BLINDING: SOFT COVER

PUBLISHER: RBA LIBROS

LANGUAGE: CASTILIAN

ISBN: 9788498670011



That is how wars are fought: with traumatized, doped kids and handling AK-47 rifles. Kids have become the best soldiers. In more than fifty violent conflicts in the world, it is believed that there are more than 300,000 soldier kids. Ishmael Beah was one of them. ¿How war is seen through the eyes of a soldier kid? ¿How he becomes a killer? ¿How he quits? Journalists have described soldier kids, and novelists have strived to imagine their life. So far, there was no first-person tale of somebody who was in hell and survived.

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