



# News Letter



**Forum on Cultural Rights:** Towards a new approach to thinking and public policy on economic, social, cultural and environmental rights in Latin America.

**Recommendation for serious violations:** Personnel of the extinct Federal Police committed serious violations to the Human Rights of a person by perpetrating acts of Torture against him in 2019.

**18 Ordinary Recommendations:** 16 health sector and 2 to the immigration authority.

**26 Actions of Unconstitutionality:** A total of 1,329 issuances, additions and/or modifications of legal ordinances were identified this month.

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# PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

## THE **PRESIDENT'S** VOICE

**Welcome message from the President at the seminar “Towards a New Approach to Thinking and Public Policy on Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights in Latin America: Forum on Cultural Rights”**

*On January 9, the National Human Rights Commission organized the seminar “Towards a New Approach to Thinking and Public Policy on Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights in Latin America: Forum on Cultural Rights.” The event was inaugurated at the Auditorium of the National Center for Human Rights (CENADEH) “Rosario Ibarra de Piedra.” The President of this autonomous body, Rosario Piedra Ibarra, delivered a clear message: there is a relationship between the violation of human rights and the neoliberal socioeconomic model in Latin America, which is responsible for increasing inequality and social suffering.*

Good morning everyone. Today we begin a seminar aimed at opening and building new horizons in human rights, specifically from the perspective of economic, social, cultural, and environmental rights, which have been most affected and violated by neoliberalism. With this, we aim to support, understand, and, where possible, contribute to building a humanistic alternative with a broad range of actors in the field.

The specific objective of this seminar is to propose basic guidelines for a new public policy in defense of economic and social rights, primarily those that can fully integrate revolutionary global concepts such as sustainable well-being, the good life, and the rights of Mother Earth, taking into account the history and culture of our Latin American peoples.

At the same time, we aim to allow participatory work with a broad spectrum

of Latin American actors, including local human rights defenders, victims and their families, public sector actors, specialists, and academics.

The ambition of this meeting is to enrich and link experiences that shape new ways of ensuring the optimal application of public policies for access to and respect for economic, social, cultural, and environmental rights, from the perspective of an effective culture of peace.

The entry into force of the North American Free Trade Agreement in Mexico 30 years ago implied an intensive development of the neoliberal model, which has affected and continues to affect entire generations of our country.

We like to be clear and frank: it is necessary to acknowledge the undeniable correlation between human rights violations and



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the implementation of the neoliberal socioeconomic model in Latin America. This model is responsible for the increase in inequality and social suffering, the unprecedented concentration of wealth, and the ownership of the means of production, which is why it is essential to overcome it.

There is also concern about the indiscriminate exploitation of natural resources, based on a purely extractivist dynamic characteristic of capitalism, and more notably, of the neoliberal model. In this context, the respect and exercise of ESC rights (Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights) plays a crucial role, as they allow us to focus on social dynamics and a wide set of principles and practices that aim to guarantee the right to development and self-determination of peoples. This is done in response to the demands of Latin American countries, which were previously colonized by other nations and today are under the colonization of corporate powers.

The implementation of the neoliberal model has strengthened a voracious extractivism of minerals, seizing natural wealth, displacing indigenous peoples, precariousizing life, and poisoning their lands and waters. If this dispossession were not enough, violent groups have also been used to ensure

it, instilling fear and pushing for forced displacement.

The catalog of human rights violations caused by the predominance of neoliberalism is vast. A clear example is the current migration crisis in Latin America, which is not primarily about seeking the “American Dream,” but rather a consequence of forced displacement caused by the neoliberal model. This is precisely what we need to address in order to eliminate human suffering and make these violations actionable and justifiable.

Numerous efforts have been made from the experiences of communities, social movements, human rights organizations, academia, and others, to shape an alternative and a more just world where human rights are respected. Progress has been made, but there is still much to do. Therefore, through the analysis of economic, social, cultural, and environmental rights, we aim to build specific alternatives to the consequences of this model.

We believe that to build a true human rights culture and an effectively democratic system, it is necessary to consolidate an effective public policy agenda that permeates the entire set of normative instruments, government programs, and public sector functioning. That is why we are here today,



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calling for the union of efforts from all those who have worked and fought for a more just and possible world.

From the CNDH, we aim to build objectives, commitments, and agreements in common, inspired by and aimed at our greater homeland. While we share synergies and common challenges, we also have, and this is one of the main objectives of this seminar, notable regional experiences and progress on the issue. For us, it is a primary goal to promote the implementation of public policies where the general well-being of the population, respect and preservation of the natural, social, and cultural environment, as well as attention to diversity, are prioritized to strengthen and advance the processes of guaranteeing human rights optimally.

It is important to highlight that each topic discussed will consider a human rights perspective and from there, the good life, participatory, inclusive, and transparent development, interculturality, community democracy, equality, and social justice, the free determination of indigenous peoples, as well as the rights of nature.

For the CNDH, it is a priority to contribute to the construction and consolidation of a culture of peace through reflection, research, education, and preventive initiatives and actions, especially to anticipate solutions to

the great consequences left by neoliberalism in Latin America.

We are pleased with this call to act together, uniting efforts to ensure that our peoples can enjoy a dignified life. Together, we will learn from who we are collectively and with that, be capable of moving forward in the construction of a better world that we know is possible, where human rights, specifically ESC rights, are the cornerstone of that evolution. For that and more, today, January 9, 2024, we begin the seminar “Towards a New Approach to Thinking and Public Policy on Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights in Latin America.”

Thank you all very much. Welcome to the National Human Rights Commission.

More information <https://goo.su/Ru9Fzs>



# EVENTS OF THE MONTH

## ***Seminar “Towards a New Approach to Thinking and Public Policy on Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights in Latin America”***

With the goal of reflecting on the impact that the neoliberal model has had on the enjoyment, exercise, and fulfillment of economic, social, and cultural rights in Latin America, the National Human Rights Commission organized the seminar “Towards a New Approach to Thinking and Public Policy on Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights in Latin America: Forum on Cultural Rights” on January 9 and 10, 2024. The event took place at the Auditorium of the National Center for Human Rights (CENADEH) “Rosario Ibarra de Piedra.”

Economic, social, and cultural rights (ESC rights) have been the most affected and violated by neoliberalism in Latin America, and therefore, it is necessary to propose basic guidelines to design public policies that help build a culture of peace and the defense of human rights, such as the right to health, education, work, food, a healthy environment, and access to clean water, among others.

For this reason, the seminar addressed topics such as the impact of neoliberalism on cultural rights, the interrelation between cultural rights and economic, social, and environmental rights, as well as the challenges and perspectives of cultural rights in the Latin American context. Several specific objectives were also raised:

- » To build a Latin American network on ESC rights to spread and consolidate these rights in the region.
- » To build regional alliances to promote the follow-up of national and international commitments on ESC rights.
- » To identify strategic actors who promote social justice and



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sustainability, as well as community and participatory democracy, in order to reduce and eradicate social inequality.

To contribute to the construction and consolidation of a culture of peace through reflection, research, education, and the creation of initiatives and actions to address the problems caused by neoliberalism in Latin America.

Furthermore, the seminar aimed to consolidate basic guidelines for new public policies on ESC rights, integrating global revolutionary concepts such as sustainable well-being, the good life, and the rights of Mother Earth, taking into account the history and culture of indigenous peoples.

The CNDH emphasized placing ESC rights at the core of public policies to promote and consolidate the development and right to self-determination of peoples. For example, recognizing the identity of individuals who are part of an indigenous community allows for the reclamation of their cultural rights.



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The event highlighted that ESC rights represent an opportunity to rebuild social fabric. In this sense, through the Community Culture program of the Mexican Government's Secretariat of Culture, Semilleros Creativos (creative workshops) have been implemented. These are free artistic training groups with a community approach for children and youth, where the cultural wealth and diversity of their communities are recognized, and spaces free of violence are promoted.

It was also emphasized that the respect, protection, and guarantee of ESC rights affect individuals and communities both personally and collectively, and can help prevent internal displacement or migratory flows to other countries, where individuals might face situations of vulnerability.

Finally, within the framework of the seminar's activities, the closing event took place on January 13 at the Los Pinos Cultural Complex, with the ESC Cultural Festival, where various cultural and recreational activities were

carried out to spread the relevance of human rights and their impact on community life.

Read the full press release in:  
<https://goo.su/7iJff>

Consult the complete presentation:  
<https://goo.su/sBQEzRR>



## **Presentation of the 2023 Activity Report**

On January 24, 2024, the National Human Rights Commission (CNDH) presented its 2023 Activity Report before the Permanent Commission of the Congress of the Union. There, the President of the Commission, Rosario Piedra Ibarra, highlighted the achievements of the previous year and pointed out the urgent need to reform the system that defends the rights of the Mexican people.

During the event, emphasis was placed on the importance of promoting a National Defender of the Rights of the People that truly meets the country's needs. To this end, the CNDH has decided to lead its own transformation, leaving behind the frameworks imposed by previous administrations and creating an institution that truly serves the victims. In this regard, the Report highlights the CNDH's efforts to combat corruption, reduce the budget, and focus on attending to the victims of human rights violations.

During her speech, the President detailed the achievements of 2023, such as the historic number of recommendations issued and people attended. She also emphasized the importance of reforming the legal framework to strengthen the protection of human rights, as well as the need to ensure adequate comprehensive reparation for the victims.

It is worth noting that in 2023 alone, more than 13,000 files were resolved during their processing, providing solutions to 37,961 aggrieved or complainant individuals. Additionally, 371 recommendations were issued – the highest number in the Commission's history – and 51,219 people were attended to, of which 8,519 were recognized victims in the recommendations issued during the current administration.



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In response to the concerns raised by legislators, the President of the National Commission emphasized the importance of learning from the country's history and not allowing the legacy of social fighters to be distorted. In a call for reflection, she urged leaving behind divisions and working together for a more just and equitable Mexico.

The presentation of the CNDH's 2023 Activity Report served as a reminder of the importance of protecting and promoting human rights in Mexico and a call to action to transform the human rights defense system into a more effective one, committed to the needs of the people.

More information: <https://goo.su/kQStJh>

# STUDIES AND REPORTS

## ***Special Report on the Situation of Invisibility and Lack of Recognition Faced by Afrodescendant and Afro-Mexican People Deprived of Liberty in the Country's Social Reintegration Centers***

In compliance with its objectives and functions of protecting and defending human rights, the National Human Rights Commission (CNDH) seeks to be close to and accompany victims of human rights violations, especially when they belong to vulnerable groups, as is the case of Afrodescendant and Afro-Mexican people deprived of liberty. These communities face a context of structural inequality and discrimination, among other factors, which severely affect them. Given this situation, it is imperative to implement affirmative actions with an intercultural perspective to protect their human rights, aiming to reverse this reality.

In this context, the CNDH presents the Report on the situation of invisibility and lack of recognition faced by Afrodescendant and Afro-Mexican people deprived of liberty in the country's social reintegration centers, which seeks to identify the systemic factors that affect these populations. The goal is to urge action within the scope of this constitutional body's competence, promoting that the Mexican state recognizes the importance of Afro-Mexican and Afrodescendant communities and peoples in all spheres of power and government.

In this way, the CNDH takes responsibility and addresses the historical and prolonged debt with the Afrodescendant and Afro-Mexican population, especially with Afrodescendant people deprived of liberty within the national territory. The CNDH is aware that the constitutional recognition of

this population is a turning point to motivate changes in various secondary laws, applicable provisions, and widespread practices of marginalization and discrimination in favor of Afrodescendant and Afro-Mexican people. This will address violations of their human rights and prioritize the recognition of their ethnic identity.

To address the issue, this Report outlines the situation of Afrodescendant and Afro-Mexican people deprived of liberty – from their arrest and entry into social reintegration centers to their continued detention. It also emphasizes the importance of penitentiary authorities promoting the respect and recognition of the rights of this population by adopting an approach based on a culture of peace and inclusion. This aims to make visible the structural causes of inequality and discrimination faced by these individuals, with the goal of raising awareness among authorities and public servants about the possible forms of stigmatization and criminalization affecting this sector of the population.

More information: <https://goo.su/YdYmm>

## Activity Report 2023

On January 24, 2024, the National Human Rights Commission (CNDH) presented its 2023 Activity Report, where it highlights the importance of continuing to reform the human rights protection model and the essential legal and operational framework to turn the CNDH into the Ombudsman's Office that Mexicans require.

The report provides a detailed overview of the actions and activities carried out during the year. Divided into 5 chapters, the report addresses the main results obtained in 2023 and the protection and defense actions aimed at the entire population. It also highlights initiatives for the promotion, study and dissemination of human rights, as well as international cooperation activities. Within this framework, special emphasis is placed on the ongoing institutional transformation. With regard to protection and defense, it details the actions aimed at assisting the population, which include the reception and processing of requests for attention, complaints and files, as well as the continuous follow-up of the latter to ensure an effective response.

On the other hand, the Report provides an overview of the actions carried out by the institution's various special programs, and the promotion, study and dissemination activities. During the year, these programs demonstrated a high level of productivity by handling files and carrying out proceedings in various areas of interest. For example, in the area of migration, of special relevance due to its complexity, a total of 845 supervisory visits were made to migration stations, places dependent on authorities other than the migration authorities, as well as to homes or shelters for people in a migratory situation, and places of transit for people in the context of migration. Likewise, with regard to children, adolescents and families, 26 recommendations were issued, in addition to providing advice and attention to files related to these sectors of the population.

A particular concern during the past year was the persistence of attacks and murders against journalists and human rights defenders. In 2023, a total of 190 possible cases of human rights violations in this area were documented, with the consequent

attention, accompaniment and advice provided to the victims, their families and members of the affected media. On the other hand, in relation to persons belonging to indigenous and Afro-descendant peoples and communities, 112 complaint files were registered during the period reported, of which 94 have been concluded, resulting in the issuance of 4 recommendations.

The Report also details the various investigations carried out by the Commission. For example, investigations into State crimes committed between 1951 and 2016 were carried out from the Special Office. These investigations revealed previously hidden archives that shed light on the countless episodes of political violence perpetrated against citizens and leftist militants by state agents between 1965 and 1990. This work culminated in the publication of Recommendation 98VG/2023, which aims to expose the systematic strategy employed by the State for more than half a century to repress and eliminate political dissent in our country.

In this way, the 2023 Activity Report summarizes the balance of a collective effort, built on the planning, design and implementation of an institutional strategy based on a vocation for service and a deep commitment to the people of Mexico. The numbers bear witness to this. Never in its history has the CNDH worked as it is doing now.

More information: <https://goo.su/pzGKiDx>

# PROMOTION MECHANISMS

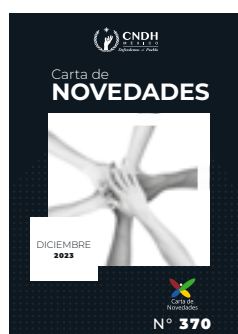
## GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

Monthly Publication for the Dissemination of Human Rights, Aimed at the General Public. The content includes national and international news on human rights; reports, articles, interviews, and discussions, as well as national commemorations that promote historical memory and highlight social and institutional contributions to the recognition of human rights. In January, an edition was published, available on the CNDH website.



To consult more issues of Global Perspective:  
<https://www.cndh.org.mx/tipo/4113/perspectiva-global>

## NEWSLETTER AND UPDATES



A monthly publication about the activities carried out by CNDH staff, as well as its head, at the national and international levels. It also presents the actions taken to defend human rights; a summary of the latest recommendations issued; press releases and relevant documents. Additionally, it records trends during the month regarding actions in international cooperation, unconstitutionality, constitutional controversies, information mechanisms, education, and promotion of

human rights, among other tasks of the organization. It is available on the CNDH website, along with its English version.

To consult the Newsletter in English and Spanish:  
<https://www.cndh.org.mx/Educacion/Carta-Novedades>

## RELEVANTS DATES

To raise awareness about relevant national and international dates related to human rights, brief research documents are created on events and individuals connected to these and other related topics. Additionally, a reminder is provided about organizations, struggles, and movements that have emerged in response to violations of fundamental rights, as well as the contributions that have facilitated the recognition and exercise of human rights.



To consult the relevants dates:  
<https://www.cndh.org.mx/fechas>

# HUMAN RIGHTS

## IN THE WORD

### **Ombudsman Offices**

The purpose of this section is to provide information on the activities, actions or positions of the various ombudspersons around the world. Based on the international context, we offer an analysis of initiatives, laws or reports carried out in different countries, with the purpose of observing regional coincidences that add valuable contributions regarding the defense and protection of human rights.

During January, we found news on several topics: missing persons, the right to democracy and different actions of the ombudsmen's offices. Regarding missing persons, the ombudsmen's offices of Peru and Colombia reinforced their strategies to disseminate more information on the context of the disappearance of the victims, as it represents a central point in the search efforts.

On the other hand, this year more than half of the countries in the world will hold elections to elect a president. In this sense, the right to democracy represents a significant axis in the proper exercise of people's right to vote

and be elected, hence the ombudsmen's offices of Ecuador, Panama and Colombia developed favorable measures in the defense and protection of democracy. It is worth mentioning Colombia's initiative to provide services in places of difficult geographic access. As a result, people from various communities will be able to exercise their right to legal representation, which will allow them to open up to the legal and social spheres in different areas.

Similarly, various actions were carried out by the ombudsmen's offices of Bolivia, Panama and the Dominican Republic, which respectively defended or protected the right to a life free of violence for sex workers, political and electoral rights, and the rights of persons with disabilities. The objective is to build an inclusive society where there is no violence, discrimination or limited access to employment or educational opportunities. On the other hand, the ombudsmen's offices of Latvia and Denmark distinguished themselves by presenting their priority issues throughout the year: non-discrimination and the rights of persons deprived of their liberty.



## AMERICA

### *Missing persons*

#### PERU



At the beginning of this year, Legislative Decree number 1603 was issued on the attention of cases of missing women. Its elaboration included contributions made by the Ombudsman's Office, among them the obligation of the media to give context to the disappearance, as well as the duty of mobile telephone operators to provide information on telephone lines linked to the disappearance.

More information: <https://goo.su/ig0RIS>

#### COLOMBIA



In a joint effort, the ombudsmen's offices of Colombia and Panama began exchanging information on cases of missing persons in the border areas between the two countries. The purpose is to coordinate actions in the consolidation of the Binational Early Warning Project.

More information: <https://goo.su/GZbmVm>

### *Right to democracy*

#### ECUADOR



The Ombudsman's Office of Ecuador presented the National Transparency Portal, which it developed together with representatives of civil society organizations, academics and members of public and private institutions. The site presents information in a simple manner, so that people can understand how public resources are used in the different governmental organizations. The ultimate goal is to generate a culture of trust among members of Ecuadorian society towards public institutions, establishing a dialogue that promotes transparency and accountability.

More information: <https://goo.su/9Kad5>

## PANAMA



In December 2023, the Ethical Labor Pact was signed between the Ombudsman's Office and the Electoral Tribunal with the purpose of guaranteeing the right to vote and be elected in the next elections of May 5, 2024. In this sense, the Ombudsman's Office ratified its role as observer during the process, in order to ensure that it is free, respectful and participatory, in accordance with the constitutional and electoral norms in force.

More information: <https://goo.su/8i4NmX>

## COLOMBIA



Legal registration is important for accessing various rights, including health and education. For this reason, the Ombudsman's Office launched the campaign Defensoría en tu comunidad (Ombudsman's Office in your community), with the purpose of providing registration services and opening complaints to people in communities that are difficult to access. It should be noted that the purpose is to guarantee the rights to identity and digital identity, which affects their participation in political-electoral processes.

More information: <https://goo.su/WxVgfYI>

## *Actions of the Ombudsmen's Offices*

## BOLIVIA



Sex workers are a vulnerable group because they often experience discrimination, as well as structural inequality, which affects their human rights. In this regard, the Institutional Strategic Plan 2023-2028 contemplates actions in favor of the establishment of mechanisms for reporting corruption, extortion and excessive use of public force. These actions seek to address and meet the needs of sex workers.

More information: <https://goo.su/sCHjH>

## PANAMA



The Ombudsman's Office and the United Nations Population Fund agreed on an agreement to implement strategies for the prevention of teenage pregnancy. Under the agreement, awareness campaigns will be carried out on sexual health care, access to medical services, distribution of contraceptives, among others. In addition, information will be disseminated on the impact of teenage pregnancy on education and employment.

More information: <https://goo.su/uUa12UU>

## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



People with disabilities face physical, social and cultural barriers that prevent them from freely exercising their human rights. Aware of this, the Ombudsman's Office and the Ministry of Public Administration signed an inter-institutional agreement with the purpose of implementing positive actions that promote the integral development of persons with disabilities. These include granting accessibility and universal design of public services.

More information: <https://goo.su/BLBzkk>

## EUROPE



In Manchester, England, a learning initiative was launched for officials from different Ombudsman's Offices in Europe. Through different training strategies and the exchange of experiences of personnel from institutions in Estonia, Greece, Portugal and Slovenia, the aim is to achieve greater cooperation and improve services when interacting with citizens.

More information: <https://goo.su/hPYNR>

## **LATVIA**

LATVIJAS REPUBLIKAS  
**TIESĪBSARGS**

Earlier this year, the Discrimination Prevention Department was founded to analyze the forms of this phenomenon among the Latvian society. Within this framework, the Give your empathy campaign was launched, consisting of a series of lectures on a hypothetical scenario of a society with no understanding of emotions. The aim is to raise awareness by example among the audience that discrimination must be eliminated.

More information: <https://goo.su/y1j40B>

## **DENMARK**



During this year, the Ombudsman's Office will carry out several supervisory visits to detention centers; the purpose will be to analyze the conditions inside with respect to visiting spaces, work activities and educational courses, in order to promote social reintegration in an adequate manner.

More information: <https://goo.su/G9zbh>

# INTERNATIONAL LINKAGE

## **CNDH and CESI Europe sign second addendum to collaboration agreement**

The National Human Rights Commission (CNDH) and the Center for Social and Legal Studies Southern Europe (CESJ Europe) signed a second addendum to the collaboration agreement established in 2019.

During the event, the president of the CNDH, Rosario Piedra Ibarra, highlighted the importance of this cooperation that enriches the work of both institutions through dialogue and the exchange of international experiences. As a result, various initiatives and events have been carried out, such as the international meeting The importance of the work of the ombudsperson in Mexico and Spain.

In that year (2019) the head of this autonomous body commented that in the first quarter of 2024 the course Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights would be held, aimed at CNDH staff, members of other public human rights bodies in the country and participants of the Network of National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights of the American Continent (RINDHCA).

On the other hand, Antonio Joaquín Porras Nadales, president of CESJ Europe, expressed his satisfaction for the signing, and called for the elaboration of a global report on human rights. This report is expected to address the state of welfare and social rights defended predominantly by ombudspersons and the Fundamental Rights Commission.

Also present at the signing ceremony were the academic director of the Center for Social and Legal Studies of Southern Europe, Gerardo Ruiz Rico; while the CNDH was represented by the executive secretary, Francisco Estrada Correa; the general coordinator of Follow-up to Recommendations and Legal Affairs, Luciana Montaña Pomposo; and the director of the International Agenda of the Executive Secretariat, Félix Aragón Fuentes.



# PROTECTION AND DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS

## Recommendations

During January, the National Human Rights Commission issued 19 recommendations; 18 ordinary and one for serious human rights violations.

Regarding the ordinary recommendations, 14 were sent to the general director of the Mexican Social Security Institute due to cases of violations of the human rights to life, to the protection of health, to dignified treatment, to access to health information, to the principle of the best interest of the child, among others. In several of these recommendations, the CNDH requested that the Institute collaborate in the registration of victims in the National Registry of Victims, provide medical, psychological or thanatological care as required in each case, design and teach comprehensive courses focused on human rights, among other recommendations.

Also noteworthy in this month was the issuance of two ordinary recommendations addressed to the general director of the Institute of Security and Social Services for State Workers, due to the violation of several human rights: to the protection of health, to life, to access to health information, to a life free of obstetric violence, as well as to obstetric freedom and autonomy.

## Actions of unconstitutionality

The Political Constitution of the United Mexican States establishes that the National Human Rights Commission has standing to sue, before the Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation, the invalidity of laws that are issued or reformed and that are considered to violate human rights. Once the law is published in the official media in question, the National Commission has a term of thirty calendar days to challenge the norms that are deemed to violate fundamental rights.

In this sense, during this month, 26 actions of unconstitutionality were approved. The states of Puebla, with 6 actions of unconstitutionality; Michoacán with 5; and Durango, also with 5, stand out. It should be noted that such actions were filed because they infringed the right of access to public information and the principle of free access

to information, the right to legal security and the principles of proportionality in contributions and legality, the right to equity in contributions, among other infringements.

### **Pronouncements**

In January the CNDH published 3 pronouncements. In one of them, it expresses its cooperation with the authorities and its absolute respect for the right to free demonstration. In this sense, it invites to reflect on the exercise of public liberties as a social good that cost a lot to obtain and that belongs to the whole society. On the other hand, this Commission pronounces itself on the declarations of a former official regarding the Colosio case, and, in addition, this autonomous organization warns about the risk in which the follow-up of Recommendation 48VG/2021 is being put. Finally, the CNDN pronounced on the transformation it is carrying out to strengthen its functions and broaden its scope, in order to comply with the reform of Article 1 of the Constitution, which dates back to 2011.

### **Press releases**

This month 47 comunicqu  s were published, among which two stand out. One of them refers to the collaboration agreement that the CNDH signed with the Universidad del Claustro de Sor Juana with the objective of disseminating human rights and promoting a culture of peace. This agreement represents the beginning of new activities to be carried out between both institutions. In this sense, human rights education is a way to move from the consecration of norms to the full realization of fundamental rights.

On the other hand, this autonomous body announces the presentation of its 2023 Activity Report before the Permanent Commission of the Congress of the Union, and calls for the promotion of a National Ombudsman's Office that truly serves the victims.

# RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION  
**01/2023**

## ON VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS TO THE PROTECTION OF HEALTH, DUE TO INADEQUATE MEDICAL CARE

The CNDH issued a recommendation to Zoé Alejandro Robledo Aburto, general director of the Mexican Social Security Institute (IMSS), due to irregularities in the medical attention provided by IMSS personnel. The CNDH recommended that the victims be registered in the National Registry of Victims; psychological and/or thanatological care was also requested. Finally, a comprehensive training course on human rights was recommended, as well as the issuance of a circular addressed to the public servants in charge of the Directorate, containing the pertinent measures for prevention and supervision on the issues of human rights to health protection and access to health information.

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## ON THE CASE OF VIOLATIONS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS TO THE PROTECTION OF HEALTH, AS WELL AS TO HEALTH INFORMATION AND TRUTH

The CNDH sent a recommendation to Zoé Alejandro Robledo Aburto, general director of the Mexican Social Security Institute (IMSS), due to inadequate medical attention. The CNDH recommended that he collaborate in the registration of the victims in the National Registry of Victims; in addition, psychological and/or thanatological care should be provided. Finally, it requested that the IMSS authorities implement a comprehensive course on human rights training and education; and issue a circular to the personnel, in order to comply with the adequate supervision measures for the integration of the clinical file and prevention tasks in medical care.

RECOMMENDATION  
**04/2024**

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RECOMMENDATION  
**05/2024**

**ENTOTHE CNDH ISSUED A RECOMMENDATION TO ZOÉ ALEJANDRO ROBLEDÓ ABURTO, GENERAL DIRECTOR OF THE MEXICAN SOCIAL SECURITY INSTITUTE (IMSS), FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE RIGHT TO HEALTH PROTECTION, THE RIGHT TO LIFE, THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD, AS WELL AS ACCESS TO HEALTH INFORMATION AND THE RIGHT TO A LIFE PLAN**

The CNDH issued a recommendation to Zoé Alejandro Robledo Aburto, general director of the Mexican Social Security Institute (IMSS), after he was found to have received poor medical attention from IMSS personnel. The CNDH recommended that he collaborate in the registration of the victims in the National Registry of Victims; and provide psychological and/or thanatological care. Finally, a comprehensive course on human rights training and education should be designed and taught; and a circular should be issued to public servants in the Pediatrics area.

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**REGARDING VIOLATIONS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS TO THE PROTECTION OF HEALTH, TO LIFE, AS WELL AS TO ACCESS TO HEALTH INFORMATION**

The CNDH sent a recommendation to Zoé Alejandro Robledo Aburto, general director of the Mexican Social Security Institute (IMSS), after irregularities were reported regarding medical attention by IMSS personnel. The CNDH recommended that he collaborate in the registration of the victims in the National Registry of Victims; and provide psychological and/or thanatological care. The CNDH requested broad collaboration with the investigating authority, and in the processing and follow-up of the complaint filed by this National Commission before the FGR. Finally, a comprehensive training course should be designed and given to management and medical personnel, in addition to issuing a circular addressed to the personnel, specifically in the Emergency Service, containing the pertinent measures for prevention and supervision.

RECOMMENDATION  
**06/2024**

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RECOMMENDATION  
**07/2024**

**ON VIOLATIONS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS TO LEGAL SECURITY, LEGALITY AND LIBERTY**

The CNDH issued a recommendation to Francisco Garduño Yáñez, commissioner of the National Migration Institute (INM), following a detention of persons in the context of international mobility. The CNDH recommended collaborating in the registration of the victims in the National Registry of Victims and providing psychological care. Finally, a comprehensive course on human rights training and education, specifically on the rights to legal security, legality and freedom, should be designed and taught; likewise, a circular should be issued to the personnel in charge of administrative migration procedures, requesting immediate compliance with the suspension measures issued by District Courts.

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## **VIOLATIONS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS TO THE PROTECTIONS OF HEALTH, TO DIGNIFIED TREATMENT AND TO A LIFE PLAN**

The CNDH sent a recommendation to Zoé Alejandro Robledo Aburto, general director of the Mexican Institute of Social Security (IMSS), after the victims reported poor medical attention by public servants of the IMSS. The CNDH recommended to collaborate in the registration of the victims in the National Registry of Victims, and to provide medical and psychological care. Finally, it was requested to provide a comprehensive training and education course on human rights, and to issue a circular to the staff of the Urology and Pathology medical services.

RECOMMENDATION  
**08/2024**

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## **REGARDING THE VIOLATION OF THE HUMAN RIGHT TO THE PROTECTION OF HEALTH**

The CNDH issued a recommendation to Zoé Alejandro Robledo Aburto, general director of the Mexican Social Security Institute (IMSS), after inadequate medical attention was provided by IMSS personnel. The CNDH recommended collaborating in the registration of the victims in the National Registry of Victims and providing psychological and/or thanatological care. Finally, a comprehensive course on human rights training and education should be provided, considering the principles of accessibility, acceptability, availability and quality, related to the right to health protection.

RECOMMENDATION  
**09/2024**

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## **ON THE CASE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS REGARDING HEALTH PROTECTION, DIGNIFIED TREATMENT, AND ACCESS TO HEALTH INFORMATION**

The CNDH issued a recommendation to Zoé Alejandro Robledo Aburto, Director General of the Mexican Social Security Institute (IMSS), following inadequate medical care provided by IMSS personnel. The CNDH recommended registering the victims in the National Registry of Victims and providing psychological and/or thanatological care if needed. Finally, it requested the design and implementation of a comprehensive training and education course on human rights and the issuance of a circular addressed to medical personnel, containing the relevant prevention and supervision measures on human rights regarding health protection, life, and access to health information.

RECOMMENDATION  
**10/2024**

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## REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN HEALTH PROTECTION, DIGNIFIED TREATMENT, AND ACCESS TO HEALTH INFORMATION

The CNDH issued a recommendation to Zoé Alejandro Robledo Aburto, Director General of the Mexican Social Security Institute (IMSS), following the provision of inadequate medical care. The CNDH recommended collaborating in the registration of victims in the National Registry of Victims and providing psychological and/or thanatological care. Finally, a comprehensive training and education course on human rights must be conducted, a circular must be issued to the staff, and IMSS authorities must take the necessary steps to ensure the implementation of preventive and corrective actions.

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## REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN HEALTH PROTECTION, DIGNIFIED TREATMENT, AND ACCESS TO HEALTH INFORMATION

The CNDH issued a recommendation to Zoé Alejandro Robledo Aburto, Director General of the Mexican Social Security Institute (IMSS), following inadequate medical care provided by IMSS personnel. The CNDH requested collaboration in registering the victims in the National Registry of Victims and providing psychological and/or thanatological care due to the events. Finally, a comprehensive training and education course on human rights must be conducted, and a circular must be issued to medical personnel outlining the supervision measures for the proper implementation of the recommendations.

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## ON THE CASE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS REGARDING HEALTH PROTECTION, THE BEST INTEREST OF CHILDREN, LIFE PROJECT, AND ACCESS TO HEALTH INFORMATION

The CNDH issued a recommendation to Pedro Mario Zenteno Santaella, Director General of the Institute for Social Security and Services for State Workers (ISSTE), following inadequate medical care provided by ISSTE personnel. The CNDH recommended collaborating in the registration of victims in the National Registry of Victims and providing medical and psychological care. Finally, it was requested to conduct a comprehensive training and education course on human rights and to issue a circular containing prevention and supervision measures regarding human rights in health protection, access to health information, and the best interest of children.

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## REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN HEALTH PROTECTION, LIFE, DIGNIFIED TREATMENT, AND ACCESS TO HEALTH INFORMATION

The CNDH issued a recommendation to Zoé Alejandro Robledo Aburto, Director General of the Mexican Social Security Institute (IMSS), following inadequate medical care provided by IMSS medical personnel. The CNDH recommended collaborating in the registration of victims in the National Registry of Victims and providing the necessary psychological and/or thanatological care. Finally, it was requested to implement a comprehensive training and education course on human rights and to issue a circular with appropriate measures for the proper integration of medical records and preventive actions in medical care.

RECOMMENDATION  
**14/2024**

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RECOMMENDATION  
**15/2024**

## REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN HEALTH PROTECTION, LIFE, AND ACCESS TO HEALTH INFORMATION

The CNDH issued a recommendation to Pedro Mario Zenteno Santaella, Director General of the Institute for Social Security and Services for State Workers (ISSTE), following inadequate medical care provided by ISSTE medical personnel. The CNDH recommended collaborating in the registration of victims in the National Registry of Victims and providing the necessary psychological and/or thanatological care. Finally, it was requested to implement a comprehensive training and education course on human rights and to issue a circular addressed to managerial and medical staff, containing relevant prevention and supervision measures regarding human rights in health protection and access to health information.

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## ON HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS REGARDING HEALTH PROTECTION, LIFE, AND ACCESS TO HEALTH INFORMATION

The CNDH issued a recommendation to Zoé Alejandro Robledo Aburto, Director General of the Mexican Social Security Institute (IMSS), following the lack of medical care by IMSS personnel. The CNDH recommended collaborating in the registration of victims in the National Registry of Victims and providing psychological and/or thanatological care. Finally, it was requested to implement a comprehensive training and education course on human rights and to issue a circular addressed to medical personnel, outlining the supervision measures for the proper implementation of the recommendations contained in the COVID.

RECOMMENDATION  
**16/2024**

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**REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN HEALTH PROTECTION, LIFE, THE PRINCIPLE OF THE BEST INTEREST OF CHILDREN, AND ACCESS TO HEALTH INFORMATION**

The CNDH issued a recommendation to Zoé Alejandro Robledo Aburto, Director General of the Mexican Social Security Institute (IMSS), following inadequate medical care provided by IMSS personnel. For this reason, the CNDH recommended collaborating in the registration of victims in the National Registry of Victims and providing psychological and/or thanatological care. Finally, it requested the implementation of a comprehensive training and education course on human rights and the issuance of a circular addressed to medical personnel; likewise, IMSS authorities must take the necessary steps to implement preventive and corrective actions.

[Learn more](#)**REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN HEALTH PROTECTION, LIFE, DIGNIFIED TREATMENT, AND ACCESS INFORMATION**

The CNDH issued a recommendation to Zoé Alejandro Robledo Aburto, Director General of the Mexican Social Security Institute (IMSS), following inadequate medical care provided by IMSS personnel. The CNDH recommended collaborating in the registration of victims in the National Registry of Victims and providing the necessary psychological and thanatological care. Finally, it requested the design and implementation of a training course for medical personnel, addressing topics such as the right to health protection and life for older adults, the elderly perspective in access to healthcare services, knowledge and management of the hospitalization procedure, and health regulations.

[Learn more](#)**ON THE CASE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS REGARDING HEALTH PROTECTION, LIFE, DIGNIFIED TREATMENT, AND ACCESS TO HEALTH INFORMATION**

The CNDH issued a recommendation to Zoé Alejandro Robledo Aburto, Director General of the Mexican Social Security Institute (IMSS), following inadequate medical care provided by IMSS medical personnel. The CNDH recommended collaborating in the registration of victims in the National Registry of Victims and providing the necessary psychological and/or thanatological care. Finally, it was requested to implement a comprehensive training and education course on human rights and to issue a circular addressed to medical personnel, outlining the supervision measures for the proper implementation of the NOM–Social Assistance and the NOM–Clinical Record regulations.

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## REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN HEALTH PROTECTION, THE RIGHT TO A LIFE FREE FROM OBSTETRIC VIOLENCE, AND REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM AND AUTONOMY

The CNDH issued a recommendation to Pedro Mario Zenteno Santaella, Director General of the Institute for Social Security and Services for State Workers (ISSSTE), following inadequate medical care provided by ISSTE medical personnel. The CNDH recommended collaborating in the registration of victims in the National Registry of Victims and providing the necessary psychological and thanatological care. Finally, it was requested to implement a training course covering the right to health protection, interculturality in health services, the right to a life free from obstetric violence, the right to reproductive freedom and autonomy, and the management of Mexican Official Standards. Additionally, ISSSTE must design, develop, and implement care protocols in its medical facilities.

RECOMMENDATION  
**20/2024**

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RECOMMENDATION  
**145VG/2024**

## ON SERIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS TO PERSONAL INTEGRITY, SECURITY, AND DIGNIFIED TREATMENT

The CNDH issued a recommendation to Rosa Icela Rodríguez Velázquez, Secretary of Security and Citizen Protection, following multiple human rights violations committed by public officials of the now-defunct Federal Police. The CNDH recommended collaborating in the registration of the victim in the National Registry of Victims and providing psychological and/or psychiatric care. Finally, it was requested to implement a comprehensive training course for police officers on human rights, specifically regarding the prohibition of torture, cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment. Additionally, a circular must be issued instructing that all activities be carried out in strict compliance with the human rights recognized in the Constitution and international treaties, with a particular focus on the prevention and eradication of torture.

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# ACTIONS OF UNCONSTITUTIONALITY

## ACTIONS OF UNCONSTITUTIONALITY FILED IN JANUARY 2024

In January 2024, the CNDH identified 1,329 enactments, additions, and/or amendments to legal provisions in official federal and local media. This month, the National Human Rights Commission filed 26 Actions of Unconstitutionality, challenging a total of 312 general norms.

- » On January 10, 2024, Action of Unconstitutionality 3/2024 was filed before the Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation (SCJN) against the revenue laws of 23 municipalities in the state of Michoacán de Ocampo for the 2024 fiscal year, as they were found to violate the right of access to public information and the principle of free access to information.
- » On January 10, 2024, Action of Unconstitutionality 4/2024 was filed before the SCJN against the revenue laws of 15 municipalities in the state of Tlaxcala for the 2024 fiscal year, as they were deemed to infringe on the right of access to public information and the principles of free access to public information and tax proportionality.
- » On January 15, 2024, Action of Unconstitutionality 9/2024 was filed before the SCJN against Article 62 Bis 3, Section XIII, Paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Tax Law of the State of Colima, arguing that it fails to comply with the principle of tax proportionality.
- » On January 15, 2024, Action of Unconstitutionality 10/2024 was filed



before the SCJN against the revenue laws of three municipalities in the state of Michoacán de Ocampo for the 2024 fiscal year, as they were found to violate the right of access to public information and the principle of free access to information.

- » On January 15, 2024, Action of Unconstitutionality 11/2024 was filed before the SCJN against the revenue laws of two municipalities in the state of Durango for the 2024 fiscal year, as they were deemed to violate the right



to legal security and the principles of tax proportionality and legality.

- » On January 17, 2024, Action of Unconstitutionality 15/2024 was filed before the SCJN against the revenue laws of 23 municipalities in the state of Puebla for the 2024 fiscal year, as they failed to uphold the right of access to public information and the principles of free access to public information, tax proportionality, and tax equity.
- » On January 18, 2024, Action of Unconstitutionality 18/2024 was filed before the SCJN against various provisions of 30 municipal revenue laws in the state of Puebla for the 2024 fiscal year, as they were found to violate the right of access to public information and the principles of free access to public information, tax proportionality, and tax equity.
- » On January 18, 2024, Action of Unconstitutionality 19/2024 was filed before the SCJN against various articles of the municipal tax laws of Benito Juárez, Tulum, and Felipe Carrillo Puerto in the state of Quintana Roo, as they were found to violate the right to legal security and the principles of legality, tax proportionality, and tax equity.
- » On January 18, 2024, Action of Unconstitutionality 20/2024 was filed before the SCJN against Articles 69 and 70 of the Revenue Law of the Municipality of San Juan de Guadalupe, Durango, for the 2024 fiscal year, as they were deemed to infringe on the principle of tax proportionality.
- » On January 19, 2024, Action of Unconstitutionality 22/2024 was filed before the SCJN against various articles of 29 municipal revenue laws in the state of Puebla for the 2024 fiscal year, as they were found to violate the right of access to public information and the principles of free access to public information, tax proportionality, and tax equity.
- » On January 29, 2024, Action of Unconstitutionality 50/2024 was filed before the Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation (SCJN) against various articles of 15 municipal revenue laws in the state of Puebla for the 2024 fiscal year, as they were found to violate the right of access to public information and the principles of free access to public information, tax proportionality, and tax equity.
- » On January 29, 2024, Action of Unconstitutionality 51/2024 was filed before the SCJN against 24 municipal revenue laws in the state of Chihuahua for the 2024 fiscal year, as they were found to violate the rights to legal security, access to public information, and freedom of assembly, as well as the principles of strict interpretation in administrative sanctioning matters, tax proportionality, legality, and free access to public information.
- » On January 22, 2024, Action of Unconstitutionality 52/2024 was filed before the SCJN against various articles of 22 municipal revenue laws in the state of Hidalgo for the 2024 fiscal year, as they were deemed to violate the rights of access to public information and legal security, as well as the principles of free access to public information, tax proportionality and equity, the reservation of law, and legality.
- » On January 22, 2024, Action of Unconstitutionality 29/2024 was filed before the Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation (SCJN) against Articles 383 (sections b and c), 682 (Section II), and 700 (Section IX, including the penultimate and last paragraphs) of the Civil Code of the State of Quintana Roo. These provisions were found to violate the rights to legal personality, legal security, equality and non-discrimination, freedom to form a family, privacy and private life, and human dignity in its aspect of free personal development, as well as equal recognition before the law for persons with disabilities. They also infringe upon the principles of

legality, protection from arbitrary interference, and the obligation to respect, promote, protect, and guarantee human rights.

- » On January 22, 2024, Action of Unconstitutionality 30/2024 was filed before the SCJN against various articles of 40 municipal revenue laws in the state of Puebla for the 2024 fiscal year, as they were found to violate the right of access to public information and the principles of free access to public information, tax proportionality, and tax equity.
- » On January 22, 2024, Action of Unconstitutionality 31/2024 was filed before the SCJN against various provisions of the Revenue Law of the Municipality of Zapopan, Jalisco, for the 2024 fiscal year. These provisions were found to violate the rights of access to public information and legal security, as well as the principles of free access to information, legality, tax legality, tax proportionality and equity, and the reservation of law.
- » On January 23, 2024, Action of Unconstitutionality 33/2024 was filed before the SCJN against various provisions of six municipal revenue laws in the state of Durango for the 2024 fiscal year, as they were found to violate the right to legal security and the principles of tax proportionality, tax equity, and legality.
- » On January 24, 2024, Action of Unconstitutionality 34/2024 was filed before the SCJN against various provisions of four municipal revenue laws in the state of Michoacán de Ocampo for the 2024 fiscal year, as they were deemed to violate the right of access to public information and the principle of free access to information.
- » On January 24, 2024, Action of Unconstitutionality 35/2024 was filed before the SCJN against various provisions of two municipal revenue laws in the state of Michoacán de Ocampo for the 2024 fiscal year, as they failed to uphold the right of access to public information

and the principle of free access to information.

- » On January 25, 2024, Action of Unconstitutionality 36/2024 was filed before the SCJN against various provisions of three municipal revenue laws in the state of Durango for the 2024 fiscal year, as they violated the right to legal security and the principles of tax proportionality, tax equity, and legality.
- » On January 25, 2024, Action of Unconstitutionality 37/2024 was filed before the SCJN against various articles of 30 municipal revenue laws in the state of Puebla for the 2024 fiscal year, as they violated the right of access to public information and the principles of free access to information, tax proportionality, and tax equity.
- » On January 29, 2024, Action of Unconstitutionality 48/2024 was filed before the SCJN against various provisions of six municipal revenue laws in the state of Querétaro for the 2024 fiscal year, as they violated the right of access to public information and the principles of free access to public information and tax proportionality.
- » On January 29, 2024, Action of Unconstitutionality 49/2024 was filed before the SCJN against various provisions of the Municipal Tax Laws of Conkal, Kanasín, and Tixpéual in the state of Yucatán, as they were found to violate the principle of tax proportionality.
- » On January 29, 2024, Action of Unconstitutionality 50/2024 was filed before the SCJN against various articles of 15 municipal revenue laws in the state of Puebla for the 2024 fiscal year, as they were found to violate the right of access to public information and the principles of free access to information, tax proportionality, and tax equity.
- » On January 29, 2024, Action of Unconstitutionality 51/2024 was filed before the SCJN against 24

municipal revenue laws in the state of Chihuahua for the 2024 fiscal year, as they were found to violate the rights to legal security, access to public information, and freedom of assembly, as well as the principles of strict interpretation in administrative sanctioning matters, tax proportionality, legality, and free access to public information.

- » On January 22, 2024, Action of Unconstitutionality 52/2024 was filed before the SCJN against various articles of 22 municipal revenue laws in the state of Hidalgo for the 2024 fiscal year, as they were deemed to violate the rights of access to public information and legal security, as well as the principles of free access to public information, tax proportionality and equity, the reservation of law, and legality.

# PRONOUNCEMENTS

## **PRONOUNCEMENT 01/2024**

### **THE CNDH COOPERATES WITH AUTHORITIES AND RESPECTS THE RIGHT TO PEACEFUL PROTEST**

Throughout the current administration, the National Human Rights Commission (CNDH) has remained respectful of the right to protest, as it has never requested the removal of sit-ins or demonstrations, even those held against the organization itself. This does not mean yielding to pressure when a new hearing is being conducted, as the competent authorities will determine the appropriate legal course of action in each case. In this regard, the CNDH does not engage in repression or harassment against anyone, including the authorities responsible for investigations.

This autonomous body has demonstrated its commitment through actions, maintaining an open dialogue with the individuals involved. However, it does not overlook the fact that potentially criminal acts have been committed. As proof of the good faith with which the CNDH has acted, the ministerial authority is only investigating alleged criminal offenses, not the protests themselves. If an action violates the law, it must be investigated by the appropriate authorities, and in this case, it is not within the CNDH's jurisdiction to resolve the matter. The CNDH remains committed to respecting the right to protest and trusting in the law, expecting the case to reach the appropriate legal conclusion.

The CNDH encourages reflection on the exercise of public freedoms as a social good, one that was hard-earned and belongs to society as a whole. As one of the fundamental freedoms in any democratic state, the right to protest is more respected today than ever before. However, in recent



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years, abuses, infractions, and crimes have undermined the credibility of social protests, leading to their discredit.

More information: <https://goo.su/HuAToDV>

**PRONOUNCEMENT 02/2024**  
**REGARDING THE STATEMENTS OF A FORMER OFFICIAL ON THE**  
**COLOSIO CASE: THE CNDH WARNS OF THE RISK TO THE FOLLOW-UP**  
**OF RECOMMENDATION 48VG/2021**

In response to the recent public statements made by Mr. Jesús González Schmal, the National Human Rights Commission (CNDH) deems it necessary to clarify that Mr. González Schmal was an official of this Commission for nine months, but his employment with the CNDH ended on January 15, 2022. Therefore, any statements he makes do not reflect the official position of this Commission and, furthermore, violate the CNDH's Codes of Ethics and Conduct, which he had committed to uphold. It is important to highlight that Mr. Schmal has made contradictory statements regarding his tenure at the CNDH, disregarding the fact that his remarks jeopardize the follow-up of Recommendation 48VG/2021 and the investigations related to the Colosio case.

Regarding the amparo (legal remedy) he claims to have drafted while at the CNDH and allegedly handed over to staff from the Federal Public Defender's Office, it only demonstrates the irresponsibility with which he acted as an official of this Commission, which ultimately led to his departure.

Additionally, his claim that he drafted an Amicus Curiae but was later "ordered" by the President of the CNDH not to issue it is completely false. First, because he did not have the authority to carry out such an action, and second, because the Amicus Curiae was issued by the General Coordination for the Follow-Up of Recommendations and Legal Affairs, the department authorized to do so.

It should also be clarified that Mr. González Schmal was never an advisor to the President of the CNDH, nor did he provide her with any advisory services. Furthermore, the CNDH maintains ongoing communication with Mario Aburto Martínez, his family, and his defense attorneys. Therefore, at no point has he had access to verified information on the case, making his handling of the matter questionable.



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We regret that Mr. González Schmal continues to exploit the work done by the dedicated team of this Commission, which consists of public servants who have acted ethically and in full compliance with the legal framework, always prioritizing the interests of the victims. For this reason, it is expected that Mr. Schmal will completely sever ties with this Commission, as he lacks legitimacy and moral authority to speak on behalf of the CNDH.

More information: <https://goo.su/ZFF2UaA>

### **PRONOUNCEMENT 03/2024**

#### **THE TRANSFORMATIONS OF THE CNDH AIMS TO STRENGTHEN ITS FUNCTIONS AND EXPAND ITS SCOPE TO FULFILL THE 2011 CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM OF ARTICLE 1º**

Following the presentation of the 2023 Annual Activity Report by the President of the National Human Rights Commission (CNDH), Ro Piedra Ibarra, some media outlets, political party members, and even pre-candidates misrepresented her statements regarding the dissolution of the CNDH. Over the past four years, the idea has been misconstrued as an attempt to eliminate the defense and protection of human rights in the country, when in reality, the goal is to equip the institution with better tools, enhance its scope and authority, and strengthen its capacities.

Through the proposed transformation, CNDH recommendations would become legally binding, and preventive measures would be implemented to avoid human rights violations before they occur. It is important to emphasize that this transformation process began on November 19, 2019.

Furthermore, there has been a lack of proper analysis of the President's statements. The CNDH is the only autonomous body that has voluntarily undertaken its own transformation. The initiative to create the National Ombudsman for the People's Rights is not intended to weaken human rights defense in Mexico; on the contrary, it seeks to strengthen it while ensuring full autonomy.

Thanks to the extensive work carried out over the past four years, the CNDH has demonstrated its commitment to its mission. Under the leadership of Rosario Piedra Ibarra, the Commission has not only fulfilled its constitutional mandate but has exceeded expectations.

More information: <https://goo.su/yaGZ2b>



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# PRESS RELEASES

**23/2024**

**THE CNDH AND THE UNIVERSIDAD DEL CLAUSTRO DE SOR JUANA SIGN AGREEMENT TO PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS AND FOSTER A CULTURE OF PEACE IN MÉXICO**

The National Human Rights Commission (CNDH) and the Universidad del Claustro de Sor Juana (UCSJ) have formalized a collaboration agreement, enabling both institutions to carry out activities related to the promotion and dissemination of human rights, as well as the construction of a culture of peace.

In the presence of the UCSJ's Rector, the President of the CNDH, Rosario Piedra Ibarra, emphasized that human rights education serves as an essential bridge between the establishment of legal norms and the full realization of rights. She highlighted that this process cannot be achieved without the support of all sectors—including academia, educational institutions, and organized society.

It was noted that the UCSJ has been a pioneer in human rights studies, including those developed by the Commission, in addition to its promotion and research efforts. Likewise, the CNDH President explained that the Commission advocates for education with a dual purpose: “education in human rights” and “education for human rights.”

The Rector of the UCSJ stated that the university has been dedicated to human rights and peacebuilding for many years. She emphasized that the latter requires respect for others and recognition of the importance of upholding laws with freedom and justice. Finally, she expressed her satisfaction that the agreement marks the beginning of new joint actions between both institutions and reaffirmed her commitment to contributing to the construction of peace in Mexico.

More information: <https://goo.su/ymF2hG>



**37/2024**

**THE CNDH PRESENTS ITS 2023 ACTIVITY REPORT BEFORE  
THE PERMANENT COMMISSION OF THE CONGRESS AND  
CALLS FOR A NATIONAL OMBUDSMAN'S OFFICE THAT  
TRULY SERVES VICTIMS**

The President of the National Human Rights Commission (CNDH), Rosario Piedra Ibarra, presented the 2023 Activity Report of the Commission. Before the Permanent Commission of the Congress of the Union, she reaffirmed the need to establish a National Ombudsman's Office for the People's Rights, arguing that the current institutional model no longer meets the needs of the people of Mexico. She also reported that the CNDH has allocated the majority of its budget to assisting victims of human rights violations.

In the presence of Marcela Guerra Castillo, President of the Board of Directors of the Permanent Commission of the Congress, Piedra Ibarra explained that, in addition to implementing reforms to the Commission's Internal Regulations, the 400 organizational and procedural manuals were updated and simplified, institutional planning was strengthened, and the processes for measuring and evaluating results were reviewed.

She also pointed out that, despite a continuous campaign of discredit spread by some media outlets and political figures, the CNDH issued 371 recommendations in the past year—the highest number in the Commission's history. Furthermore, 51,219 individuals who were either victims or complainants received assistance, including 8,519 officially recognized victims within the recommendations issued under the current administration.

Finally, the CNDH President expressed gratitude for the acknowledgment of the Commission's work and assured that constructive criticism would be taken into account. However, to those who presented baseless arguments, she suggested that they consult the report and study the country's history.

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