



# Newsletter

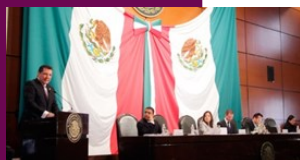
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## The voice of the President



**Remarks by Doctor Raul Plascencia Villanueva, president of the National Human Rights Commission, at the Presentation of the Activities Report for 2013 before the Permanent Commission of the Honorable Congress of the Union.**

Mexico City, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Mr. Ricardo Anaya Cortes, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Permanent Commission of the Honorable Congress of the Union; Mrs. Libeth Hernandez Lecona and Mr. Fernando Herrera Avila, vice presidents; Mrs. Veronica Beatriz Juarez Piña and Mr. Raymundo King de la Rosa, secretaries; senators and deputies members of the Permanent Commission of the Honorable Congress of the Union.

Ladies and Gentlemen members of the Advisory Council of the National Human Rights Commission; I am referring to the highest tribune of the country to my fulfillment to present the Activity Report of the National Human Rights Commission which I precede, corresponding to 2013, in accordance

with the provision of article 102 (B), Political Constitution of the United Mexican States and 52 of the Law of the National Human Rights Commission.

Is precise to recognize important legal advances and institutional, among them a constructive legislative task that carried out the issue of the General Law on Victims and a new Injunction Law, but also challenges awaiting still to get beyond to stop inequality, injustice and impunity faced by a lot of Mexicans.

In several regions of the country there is a social uncertainty feeling that it can be observed arising by violence and insecurity derived by the police bodies inefficiency, not only to confront organized crime actions, but also to combat common order crimes.

In protection matter, is noteworthy that attention services and counseling, as well as permanent monitoring through the country to open ex-officio complaints before different situations that can be of human rights violations. This year there have been

received and classified 45.9 and 5272 writs of complaint.

On 2013, 86 recommendations were issued, in which 109 authorities were pointed out. Out of these, 65 were addressed to federal authorities and 44 turned to state and municipal authorities. In this respect, it is important to note that the federal government accepted all recommendations, including some of which were refused on 2012.



As part of the international labour of the National Commission, it emphasizes the collaboration of the International Committee of Human Rights National Institutions Coordination, the American Network of this kind of organism and the Iberoamerican Federation of the Ombudsman, currently led by Mexico, as well as strong relationship with the United Nations.

Ladies and Gentlemen; To achieve social and individual welfare, it is necessary a context where human rights should be led, respected and to assume together as a commitment to become these a reality.

### Event of the month

#### Annual Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust

The national Ombudsman, doctor Raul Plascencia Villanueva, participated at the Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, held at the United Nations in Mexico facilities, where it was opened the exhibition on posters design 2013-2014 international contest, maintaining Holocaust memory. At presidium there were Mark Liwerant, chairman of the Directors Council of the International Festival on Jewish Movies; Jaime Broverman, Executive of the Yad Vashem Association in Mexico; Ricardo Bucio Mujica; chairman of the National Council to Prevent Discrimination; Juan Manuel Diez, Director a.i. of the United Nations Information Center in Mexico; Nuria Sanz, official in charge of the United Nations to Education, Science and Culture and Aron Gilbert, testimony by a son of a survivor.



## THE CNDH REGRETS THE DECLARATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF GUERRERO IN REGARD TO SPECIAL REPORT ON SELF-DEFENSE GROUPS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

**CGCP/008/14**

January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014

The CNDH regrets the declarations, that the government of the state of Guerrero expressed to the media, in regard to the Special Report on Self-Defense Groups and Public Safety in the State of Guerrero, which was made known to public on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Also, it noted that at up to date, non response has been received by the Government, the Congress and the municipalities in which several proposals thereof were formulated.



Aiming to understand this reality, this National Commission attended to more than 400 people of Guerrero, through several interviews and testimonies gathered by an interdisciplinary team integrated by assistant visitors, doctors and psychologists; as well as writs and testimonies given by inhabitants of several communities to the President of this national Organism in the community of Ahuacachahe, Ayutla de los Libre municipality in Guerrero.

The National Commission observed reality by what this groups were created,

this means, by institutional abandonment, and insecurity, that hasn't changed, in consequence, it is waiting for the state government instead of avoiding its responsibility, to efficiently attend causes of emergence and to take substantive actions, adopt formulated proposals by this Organism, in order to attend the exposed problematic in the report, aiming transformation to become true, to ensure public safety and to exercise rights of the people of Guerrero.

<http://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/all/fuentes/documentos/Comunicados/2014/>

## THE CNDH REQUIRES PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES BY VIOLENT SITUATION IN THE STATE OF MICHOACAN

**CGCP/015/14**

January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Due to the violent actions growth in the State of Michoacan, the president of the CNDH, determined to request precautionary measures to the Secretary of National Defense, to the National Safety Commissioner of the Secretariat of Interior and to entity's Governor. In order to ensure life's respect, physical integrity, patrimonial and to human rights of the



population in general. The request is done within the framework of the investigation that national Ombudsman carries out on self-defense groups existence and by alleged human rights violations to deceased individuals at Antunez, Paracuaro in the State of Michoacan. The CNDH reiterates that public safety is a human rights directly related with the concept of Rule of Law and public peace, hereto is indispensable to be guar-

anteed by the State, within the established responsibility fulfillment in ninth paragraph of constitution article 21.

Based on article 117, second paragraph of the Internal Rule of this Institution, cited authorities count with a maximum due date of three days to notify to this National Commission if those measures are accepted.

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## THE CNDH REITERATES LENIENCY APPLICATION TO MEXICAN CITIZEN, EDGAR TAMAYO ARIAS

**CGCP/020/14**

January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014

The CNDH reiterates leniency application to Mexican Citizen Edgar Tamayo Arias, whose death sentence is programmed to be conducted next Wednesday, January 22nd. To the national Ombudsman, the Governor of Texas, Rick Perry, has legal duty and humane, to review and reconsider capital sentence of Edgar by inefficient

cies in the penal procedure ordered against him, Few days ago, the national Ombudsman sent a letter to the Governor Perry and to the Pardons Board of the State of Texas, in which he requires the suspension of imposed penalty against the conational and switched by an imprisonment.

The National Commission counts with the Programme against Death Penalty to Mexicans abroad, checking if mexican citizens receive con-

sular and legal assistance, from the Secretariat of Exterior (Spanish acronym – SRE).

Up to date, this program monitors procedural status of 64 cases of sentenced Mexicans to capital penalty, 61 in the United States and three in Malaysia.

[http://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/all/fuentes/documentos/Comunicados/2014/COM\\_2014\\_020.pdf](http://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/all/fuentes/documentos/Comunicados/2014/COM_2014_020.pdf)

**THE CNDH WILL STAY IN MICHOACAN UNTIL THE AUTHORITIES FULFILL THEIR LABOUR, THE PUBLIC SAFETY BE RECOVERED, AND TO TAKE BEFORE JUSTICE THE RESPONSIBLE OF VIOLENCE**

**CGCP/023/14**

January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014

The national Ombudsman, offered complete support and potential of the CNDH until the limit of its faculties, to accompany Michoacan's community suffering victimization twice or triple, forced by organized crime, abandoned by authority and in occasions being arrested without justification.

He notified that the CNDH will stay in Michoacan the necessary time, aiming that authorities fulfill with its labour, and to

achieve public safety recovery, peace and tranquility and to take before justice responsible of violence.

The president of the CNDH listened to testimonies of housewives, peasants, merchants, businessmen and "self-defenders", that freely denounced authorities neglect and inaction.

He assured that the CNDH will require and demand that cases of arrests to be carefully review, and maintained, that self-defenses should exists if the governments fulfills security provision labour.

To provide the CNDH office personnel in Morelia, addition to team of lawyers, medical experts and psychologist, of its headquarters, to accompany, counsel and support them.



[http://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/all/fuentes/documentos/Comunicados/2014/COM\\_2014\\_023.pdf](http://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/all/fuentes/documentos/Comunicados/2014/COM_2014_023.pdf)

**TO AVOID SILENCE, OR THE WORLDWIDE INDIFFERENCE WILL RISE BEFORE GENOCIDE**

**CGCP/028/13**

January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014

The President of the CNDH, regrets even if our country is a nation that achieved major respect to plurality, we Mexicans have learned how to perfectly coexist with democratic value of tolerance.



Thus he assured that Holocaust memory, should be to reiterate us that we are a complex nation that can't completely banish discriminatory actions nor conflicts generated in regions and communities by religious issues, of gender or social group.

Spearheading the Commemoration of the International Day

in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust (resolution 60/7 UN), organized by the CNDH and the Central Committee of the Jewish Community of Mexico A.C., Plascencia Villanueva

demanded to avoid achieving globalize indifference at facing these tragedies.

Before representatives of different society sectors, gathered at the auditorium "Jaime Torres Bodet" at the National Anthropology and History Museum, he noted that we should assume with full conviction that respect to de differences is the democracy cornerstone.

He recommended not to leave


that misunderstandings overcome the numerous social tasks pending and that obstacles ancient problems solution.

As Universal Declaration promoters did, he said, we must accept without separations, that within unification is the best way to face human dignity dangers and to generate social consensus to meet urgent problems and of long term.


[http://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/all/fuentes/documentos/Comunicados/2014/COM\\_2014\\_028.pdf](http://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/all/fuentes/documentos/Comunicados/2014/COM_2014_028.pdf)

**RECOMMENDATIONS**


**a) Federal Government**

Authority	Matter	
National Institute of Social Security (Spanish acronym – IMSS) 	Inappropriate medical care and life loss of V1, at Hospital General de Zona No. 4 of IMSS, in Celaya, Guanajuato.	<a href="#">Recommendation 2/2014</a>

**b) Federative Entities**

Authority	Matter	
Constitutional Government of the State of Oaxaca 	Inappropriate medical care to V1 and her newborn V2, Mazatecos indigenous people, in the Centro de Salud Rural of San Felipe Jalapa de Diaz municipality, State of Oaxaca.	<a href="#">Recommendation 1/2014</a>



Authority	Matter	
City Council of Actopan, Veracruz de Ignacio de la Llave  <b>VERACRUZ</b> DE IGNACIO DE LA LLAVE GOBIERNO MUNICIPAL	V1's Impugnation appeal	<a href="#">Recommendation 3/2014</a>

## ARTICLE OF THE MONTH

### Opinion: Death Penalty against Mexican Citizen Edgar Tamayo

By Surya Palacios [@suryapalacios](#)

January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014

Inmate number 410 executed with lethal injection in the State of Texas, five years ago, was José Ernesto Medellín Rojas, Mexican national who was imposed death penalty even though at his legal process he did not count with consular assistance to which all foreigners have right at being judged in countries other than their own.

One lustrum has passed and the story repeats itself with Edgar Tamayo, whose execution is programmed for January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Furthermore of Medellín, Tamayo is part of the 51 Mexicans to whom the International Court of Justice (Spanish acronym- CIJ) were benefited with a sentence condemning the United States by infringement of the two articles of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations.

The Avena case, as it is known the judgment of the UN maximum judicial body, it's a demand that

Mexico won before the CIJ in 2004 at demonstrating that those 51 Mexicans were not informed in time about their consular assistance right, thus-as damage repair- the United States should review pronounced penalties against these accused.

<http://www.adnpolitico.com/opinion/2014/01/21/opinion-la-pena-de-muerte-contra-el->

## BOOK OF THE MONTH

### Mandela's Smile

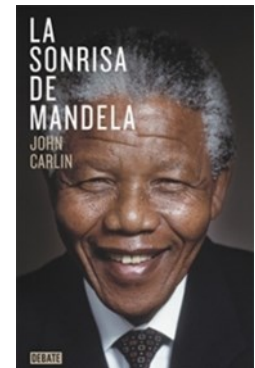
John Carlin  
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Between February 11th, 1990 and May 10th, 1994, Nelson Mandela became from being worldwide most famous political prisoner to president of his country.

There were four dramatic and fascinating years, giving an exceptional human-sized and political leader.

John Carlin, privileged observer of that period, traced Mandela's exciting portrait, in which it was demonstrated that he could be a great politician without ceasing of being a great individual, and that reconciliation and coexistence aren't only for desire but possible even in difficult circumstances.

<http://www.elsotano.com/libro-sonrisa-de-mandela-la-10427313#sinopsis-tab>





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