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## The voice of the President

**Remarks by Mr. Raul Plascencia Villanueva, President of the National Human Rights Commission, during the signing ceremony of a General Collaboration Agreement with the "UNI GLOBAL" Organization.**

Mexico City, July 31<sup>st</sup> 2014

Mr. Mario Madrigal Magaña, General Secretary of the UNI GLOBAL Organization;

**Ladies and Gentlemen:**

It is a pleasure for me to be with you all. We met today to sign a General Collaboration Agreement with the UNI GLOBAL in order to promote, expand and strengthen human rights. This indicates the sense of responsibility and engagement of this trade union has within workers and society welfare.

The human rights recognition act reflects a country's aspiration to reach a greater democratic maturity. Today, we citizens are more conscious about our rights. We have a legal system providing us with best tools to pro-

tect essential rights of the people.

However, the creation of laws and institutions are not enough to make real the values and principles that add substance to human dignity and respect. Our experience shows that improvements within the matter are more effective with extra engagement and will of all.

We have strongly promoted unity and team work with public, private and social institutions. There is a trend being mainly focused to promotion, education, training, dissemination of values, as well as, to principles that our rules protect, aiming all Mexicans to be fully informed and trained in the matter.

In this task we have been accompanied by many civilian, academic, labor and social organizations. Today we welcome the noble work of the "UNI GLOBAL Organization".

With today's General Collaboration Agreement signing, the National Human Rights Commission and the UNI GLOBAL Organization, will develop several promotion activities and defense of human rights.

There were implemented training courses and acade-

mic specialisation, seminars, keynote speeches and discussion boards on the matter.

**Ladies and Gentlemen:**

I want to congratulate Mr. Mario Madrigal Magaña and all who are part of the UNI GLOBAL Organization" because of the signing of this General Collaboration



Agreement. I am sure that each programmed tasks will be successful. You can always count with the National Commission for any effort taken favouring human dignity.

Thank you very much.

<http://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/all/fuentes/documentos/PalabrasRPV/20140731.pdf>

## Event of the month

**International Forum "Ombudsman Offices Mexico-Ethiopia. Migrants and Refugees"**

Mexico City, July 9<sup>th</sup> 2014



Participation of Doctor Raul Plascencia Villanueva, President of the National Human Rights Commission, during the opening of the International Forum "Ombudsman Offices Mexico-Ethiopia. Migrants and Refugees", held at the National Center for Human Rights (Acronym in Spanish- CENADEH).

## NHRC ENDORSES THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENTS WITH ETHIOPIA HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE OMBUDSMAN INSTITUTION OF THAT NATION

**CGCP/190/14**

July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014

The president of the NHRC, stressed the need to strengthen technical cooperation and exchange of information between agencies and national human rights institutions in the world, in order to promote the study, teaching and dissemination of these guarantees and prevent their violation.

Within the framework of the two agreements signing for technical cooperation between the NHRC, the Ethiopian High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Institution of the Ombudsman of this nation, Plascencia Villanueva emphasized the importance of joining efforts to share suc-

cessful formulas in preventing human rights violations and solutions to common problems of nations. Plascencia Villanueva deemed critically important the signing of these agreements that will share the experience of the NHRC which has made great efforts in training and human rights education achieving the benefit to one million 200 thousand Mexicans.

He pointed out these technical cooperation agreements are in addition to eleven more, signed with same number of countries; in the case of the African continent there is also technical cooperation with the National Human Rights Institution in Nigeria and Morocco.

Mr. Zenna Teruneh Ambassador, High Commissioner for Human Rights of Ethiopia recognized NHRC's global leadership at human rights defense matter and he requested its cooperation in order to learn from experiences and learn from this Body as he considers the importance to his institution to specialize for good accountability to society.

He noted that in Africa things are changing because it has focused human rights development and democracy and argued that without these basis progress of his country will be impossible.

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## THE NHRC STRENGTHEN THE FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

**CGCP/195/14**

July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014

The Commission continues to strengthen the fight against human trafficking and for the dignity of citizens. During the 2009-2014 administration has contributed to the fight against crime with a comprehensive view.

It encourage the harmonization of national and state regulations with international treaties, while promoting the implementation of a homogeneous legal framework in the country.

The National Commission contributes by training public servants, within both detection and identification of victims, and to en-

sure appropriate care. It also works to prevent potential victims to be caught by traffickers. Promoting public policy measures aimed to reduce their vulnerability, and strengthening awareness campaigns.

The implementation of legal instruments is the first



step to combat human trafficking effectively, so this national organization promotes awareness and dissemination of national and international legal instruments concerning human trafficking, through

courses, conferences and training, as well as through the distribution of laws compilations and treaties most relevant to the matter, there have been distributed more than 16 thousand copies.

To promote the adoption of public policies to combat trafficking, the National Commission held in the past four years meetings with legislators from around the country and provided specific advice to public servants in several states.

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**THROUGH THE CENTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS THE NHRC INTENSIFIES PROMOTION ACTIVITIES, RESEARCH AND DISSEMINATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.**

**CGCP/196/14**

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

To fulfill its advocacy efforts, of human rights research and dissemination, the NHRC intensifies studies and academic activities along with educational and cultural level institutions, higher and postgraduate in Mexico and abroad.

Through the CENADEH this national Organism conducts research, under a comprehensive

academic scheme with proposals involving patterns to solve social problems.

The outcome is materialized in different academic products such as books, reviews, commentaries, pamphlets, etc., that are published.

Currently at the Centre the following topics are addressed: indigenous peoples; oral hearings in the states; economic, social and cultural rights; torture; gender equality; multiculturalism; among others.

In addition, the Academic Secretariat coordinates the scholarship program for the development of bachelor or master thesis on issues related to human rights.



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**IN 2013 THE CNDH ADDRESSED 51% MORE MIGRANTS HOSTED AT IMMIGRATION STATIONS AND 287% MORE NEGOTIATIONS WERE MADE IN THEIR FAVOUR, COMPARED WITH 2009.**

**CGCP/202/14**

July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014

The Commission researches complaints of alleged migrants rights violations, conducts periodic visits to detention centers and high transit places of this population and does various procedures in their favour.

Compared with 2009, in 2013 it attended 51% more people staying in detention centers and conducted more than 287% efforts in their favour.

In order to promptly address the problems related to migration in our country, the NHRC has offices at strategic locations of high concentration and traf-



fic of people in mobility across the country.

It is noteworthy that for the first time since the origin of the NHRC, visits have been carried out to all detention centers in the country, with special emphasis on the three main concentration centers. Since 2012 it was implemented the program of visits to interim stays of migratory secured at the International Airport of Mexico City,

where the immigration authorities hosts foreigners next to be rejected from the country.

The foregoing, in order to dialogue with migrant people to know their problems and to verify the respect of their human rights by INM public servants, assigned to the airterminal and other authorities, if there is a case.

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**THE NHRC CONFIRMS THAT TO EFFECTIVELY PREVENT HUMAN TRAFFICKING COMBAT, IT IS REQUIRED JOINING SOCIETY EFFORTS AS A WHOLE**

**CGCP/211/14**

July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Given the prevalence of human trafficking, the NHRC considered necessary joint efforts of the whole society to effectively combat this crime and eradicate structural factors encouraging their commitment.

Under the World Day Against Human Trafficking, which falls on this date, the NHRC submits that the Mexican state still has a long way to go on prevention and combating trafficking, especially by the degree of im-

punity that prevails in prosecution of this crime. From 2009 to 2013 the NHRC documented the beginning of 545 thousand prior enquiries for human trafficking crime in the country. Out of this total, only 627, ie, four out of ten, led to an appropriation before a judge, 107 of the federal jurisdiction and 520 of the local courts.

Moreover, for the same period, there is record of 127 condemnatory sentences (4 at the federal level, 123 at the local), which implies that the total of previous investigations initiated in the country, only 8.2% was


derived in final conviction decision.



The National Commission supports several actions to help combat human trafficking, among others, installed thirteen regional committees for the prevention of this crime, develops an intense training program primarily aimed at public servants across the country and conducts awareness campaigns meant at different sectors of the population.




[http://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/all/fuentes/documentos/Comunicados/2014/COM\\_2014\\_211.pdf](http://www.cndh.org.mx/sites/all/fuentes/documentos/Comunicados/2014/COM_2014_211.pdf)

**a) Federal Government**

Authority	Matter	
<p>National Safety Commission (Acronym in Spanish-CNS)</p> 	<p>Arbitrary detention, excessive force use, affecting life project and unlawful exercise of public functions to the detriment of V1, in Matamoros, Tamaulipas.</p>	<p><a href="#">Recomendación 26/2014</a></p>


Authority	Matter	
<p>National Safety Commission (Acronym in Spanish-CNS)</p> 	<p>Attorney General's Office (Acronym in Spanish-PGR)</p> 	<p>Excessive use of security forces to the detriment of V1, V2, V3, V4 and V5, deprivation of life of V2 and inadequate law enforcement to the detriment of V2, V3, V4 and V5.</p> <p><a href="#">Recomendación 28/2014</a></p>


Authority	Matter	
<p>Secretariat of Marine (Acronym in Spanish-SEMAR)</p> 	<p>Arbitrary arrest and excessive use of security forces to the detriment of V1, indigenous Nahua person.</p>	<p><a href="#">Recomendación 31/2014</a></p>







**b) Federative entities**

Authority	Matter	
<p>City Council of Guachinango, Jalisco</p> 	<p>V1's Impugnation appeal</p>	<p><a href="#">Recomendación 27/2014</a></p>

Authority	Matter	
<p>Constitutional Government of the State of Chiapas</p>  <p>GOBIERNO DEL ESTADO DE CHIAPAS</p>	<p>Inadequate medical care to V1 and to her newborn V2, and life loss of V1, indigenous Tzotzil person at the Hospital de la Mujer, in the municipality of San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas.</p>	<p><a href="#">Recomendación 29/2014</a></p>

**c) Federal Government and Federal Entities**

Authority	Matter	
<p>National Institute of Social Security (Acronym in Spanish-IMSS)</p> 	<p>Constitutional Government of the State of Hidalgo</p> 	<p>Inadequate medical care to V1's detriment, at the Hospital Rural Number 21, of the National Institute of Social Security in Huejutla, Hidalgo, and the refusal to provide medical care at the Hospital Regional of Huejutla de Reyes, of Health Services</p>

[Recomendación 30/2014](#)

## ARTICLE OF THE MONTH

### Human Rights ¿Fare or reality?

By: Alberto Vargas |  
07/26/2014 11:45 a.m.

Those who believed that the new millennium would deepen human rights, they were mistaken.

Crimes against humanity, aberrant genocide against people confirm this. Although, as never before have coexisted infinities of standards, international organizations and authorities in charge to protect the life and dignity and yet ever as more than

half a century that extended from the proclamation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948) until today, there have been so many egregious violations to fundamental guarantees .

One of the challenging contradictions is how the well-meaning human rights speech on producing by States and international institutions is staged in an unfortunate reality especially concerning the right to life.

This dramatic paradox contrast between theory and

practice, among human rights and daily life, makes it clear that it is not possible through intervention of international and state apparatuses, violations will be overcome.

<http://aporrea.org/tiburon/a192223.html>

## BOOK OF THE MONTH

### Vulnerability and Protection of Human Rights

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The consideration of vulnerability has undergone a profound change.

The traditional approach had been based on the identification of categories of people and groups in

need of special protection (children, women, indigenous people, people with disabilities, migrants, minorities, refugees and IDPs).



based vulnerability rights emphasizes dignity, capacity building and empowerment of people, to all people.

From this point of view, vulnerable groups vary depending on the context and what identifies them as groups is their propensity for discrimination.

<http://www.porua.mx/pagina-interior.php?id=846560>

The vulnerability is thus understood to depend on personal status shared by members of a group. Given this treatment approach





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