



Comisión Nacional de los Derechos Humanos

México

Recommendation 61/2011

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Mexico City, November 10th, 2011

MATTER: ON THE CASE OF FLOODS IN DIVERSE PARTS OF THE STATE OF TABASCO

RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES: DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL WATER COMMISSION, CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF TABASCO, MEMBERS OF THE TOWN HALLS OF CENTRO, HUIMANGUILLO, CÁRDENAS, CUNDUACÁN, PARAÍSO, CENTAL, JALPA DE MÉNDEZ AND NACAJUCA, IN TABASCO.

The National Human Rights Commission analyzed the documents and evidentiary support contained in file **CNDH/1/2010/5069/Q**, on the floods occurred in different parts of the state of Tabasco, where it was observed that due to unfinished constructions, omissions, possible acts of corruption and non-compliance with norms of the National Water Commission, the Constitutional Government of the State of Tabasco, members of the Town Halls of Centro, Huimanguillo, Cárdenas, Cunduacán, Paraíso, Cental, Jalpa De Méndez and Nacajuca , it was not possible to prevent major risks during these floods in 2010. In the National Commission's opinion, these circumstances shall be investigated by the internal authorities of CONAGUA and the General Attorney's Office in order to determine responsibilities, given the poor development of the official prevention plan according to the established guidelines, and the inadequate attention and protection provided to victims. This National Organism evidenced violations of the rights to legal security, legality, property and possession, as well as to decent treatment and health protection, decent household and development. Also, without authorization or previous notification, hundreds of inhabitants were evacuated from their homes with the use of force. These situations affected 5,710 victims directly and more than 130,000 potentially. Inhabitants of 56 different communities presented a complaint at the CNDH who, in turn, issued Recommendation 61/2011.

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