

# PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS IN MEXICO

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**Dear Minister,**

I am writing to express my deep concern at the number of attacks and threats against human rights defenders in Mexico which are not effectively investigated.

In August 2008, the Mexican government adopted a National Human Rights Programme, including a component on protection for human rights defenders. This has still not produced concrete benefits for human rights defenders who continue to face harassment, intimidation and killings.

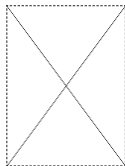
I urge you to prioritize the situation of human rights defenders and develop a comprehensive Protection Programme to allow those who defend the right of others to carry out their work without fear of reprisals.

Yours sincerely,

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