

UN Slams Mexico Over Enforced Disappearances



United Nations, February 14 (RHC) -- A UN committee accused Mexican authorities of failing to adequately prosecute and convict individuals responsible for enforced disappearances.

The United Nations Committee on Enforced Disappearances published Friday its concluding observations about Mexico's efforts to combat enforced disappearances at the request of the relatives of the 43 disappeared Ayotzinapa students.

The UN panel concluded that "the grave case of the 43 students subjected to enforced disappearance in September 2014 in the state of Guerrero illustrates the serious challenges Mexico is facing in terms of the prevention, investigation and punishment for enforced disappearances and searching for the disappeared."

The experts also voiced concern at "impunity regarding numerous cases of enforced disappearances."

The recommendations from the UN panel calls on the Mexican government to adhere to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (ICCPED), under which all signatory parties are required to fully investigate enforced disappearances and bring all those responsible to justice.

The Mexican government ratified the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance in 2010, which stipulates that all signatory parties' allow the UN Committee on Enforced Disappearances authorization to hear individual cases of alleged disappearances and issue recommendations.

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