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Mexico: Amnesty International Secretary General visits the country – Itinerary UPDATE

Amnesty International Secretary General Irene Khan will lead a High Level Mission to Mexico commencing on 31 July.

Amnesty International's (AI) delegation will include: Susan Lee, Director of the Americas Programme; Judit Arenas, Head of the Office of the Secretary General; Rupert Knox, Researcher on Mexico and Nancy Tapias-Torrado, Campaigner on Mexico.

This is the third time Irene Khan leads a visit to Mexico since 2003 and the first to take place under the new administration.

The delegation's activities include:

Thursday 2 August – DF

14:00 – 15:00 -- AI's delegation will meet the Minister of Interior to discuss AI's concerns regarding human rights in Mexico. Bucareli No. 99, Edificio Cobián, 1er Piso, Juárez Cuauhtémoc, México DF.

17:30 – 18:30 -- Irene Khan will lead a meeting with Mexico's National Supreme Court to discuss the role of the judiciary in addressing human rights violations in Mexico. Suprema Corte de Justicia de la Nación, 2º piso, en la oficina del ministro presidente o auditorio, Av Pino Suarez 2, México DF.

Friday 3 August – DF

10:00 – 11:00 – AI's delegation will meet with Public Security Minister.

12:00 – 14:30 -- Irene Khan will meet legislators to discuss the need for judicial and constitutional reforms and to highlight the role of the legislature in scrutinizing the implementation of human rights policy and practice. Av Congreso de la Union 66, Colonia El Parque, Delegacion Venustiano Carranza, México DF.

Saturday 4 August – Guerrero

AI's delegation will visit communities threatened with eviction or otherwise affected by the proposed La Parota Hydroelectric Dam near Acapulco.

09:00 – Aguacaliente

10:30 – Tasajeras

13:30 – Dos Arroyos

15:00 – Los Huajes

18:00 – Acapulco

Press Conference. Irene Khan will host a press conference in which she will present a new report on AI's concerns regarding the consequences of the construction of the dam on local communities. Hotel Las Hamacas, Costera Miguel Aleman 239, Centro Acapulco, Guerrero.

Journalists are invited to join Amnesty International's visit to Oaxaca provided they organize their own travel.

Tuesday 7 August – DF

09:30 – 10:10 – Irene Khan will meet President Calderon to discuss Amnesty International's concerns regarding human rights in Mexico. Residencia Oficial de los Pinos.

10:30 – 11:00 – Media Briefing. AI's delegation will brief journalists about the result of the meeting and the conclusions of the mission. Location to be confirmed.

End of mission.

NOTE TO PLANNING DESKS AND EDITORS

- o Events are shown in local time.

- o The itinerary is subjected to last minute changes -- please check with the press office before making arrangements to cover any of the events listed.

- o Irene Khan will be available for comment after each meeting. She is available for one-to-one interviews. To arrange an interview please contact the delegation's press office in advance.

- o Press releases, briefings and photos will be issued on most days. For copies, please log on to www.amnesty.org or contact the press office.

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