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Amnesty International experts brief UN body on migrants' rights in Mexico

Amnesty International is to brief members of the UN Committee on the Protection of all Migrant Workers on the human rights abuses suffered in Mexico by Central American migrants on their way to the United States.

At the meeting, which takes place between 4 and 5 April in Geneva, Amnesty International will provide information and case studies to illustrate the abuses suffered every year by thousands of Central American migrants in Mexico.

This information will contribute to the Committee's consideration of the Mexican government's compliance with the UN Migrant Workers Convention – a legal framework for the protection of migrant's human rights.

“The Mexican authorities are responsible for the safety of migrants in their territory. We believe they could and should do more to protect the hundreds of men, women and children who risk their lives on one of the most dangerous journeys in the world,” said Rupert Knox, Mexico Researcher at Amnesty International.

“Our message to the UN and the Mexican authorities will be clear: much more needs to be done, and fast, to protect migrants in Mexico.”

Every year thousands of migrants, mainly from Central America are kidnapped, raped and sometimes murdered in Mexico by criminal gangs often acting in collusion with public officials. Very few of those responsible are held to account leaving the migrants vulnerable to new attacks.

Note to Editors

Amnesty International's delegation will be made up by Rupert Knox, Mexico Researcher; Sarah Shebbeare, Campaigner on Mexico and Francesca Pizzutelli, Researcher on Migrant Rights.

They will be joined by Father Alejandro Solalinde Guerra, a priest and human rights activist who runs a shelter for migrants in Oaxaca state, southern Mexico. Because of his work, Father Solalinde has been continuously threatened and intimidated by local gangs and Mexican officials.

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