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## MEXICO

### CALL FOR TRANSPARENCY IN THE CASE OF THE 43 MISSING STUDENTS

The search for what happened to the 43 students who went missing on September 26, 2014, is still underway. Their families, along with supporting groups, have repeatedly asked Andrés Manuel López Obrador's government to get 800 documents from the Armed Forces relevant to the investigation. We call on the Mexican government to release all files related to the students' disappearance. This will help the families learn the truth and ensure those at fault face justice.

#### Write to the President of Mexico urging him to:

- Ensure that every step is taken to guarantee that SEDENA hands over the 800 documents demanded by the families of the 43 students from Ayotzinapa Rural Teacher Training College and their supporting organizations promptly.
- Guarantee that the international independent experts who were involved in the investigation be given access to review these documents as soon as they are released.

#### Write to:

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*Salutation: Your Excellency:*

#### And copy:

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### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

On September 26, 2014, 43 students from the 43 Ayotzinapa Rural Teacher Training College in Iguala, Guerrero, Mexico, disappeared. In 2018, the current federal government resumed the investigations and tried to redirect the investigations. To this end, the Mexican Government has created the Commission for Truth and Access to Justice (CoVAJ) and the Special Investigation and Litigation Unit of the Ayotzinapa case (UEILCA). International human rights organizations have also collaborated in the

investigations, particularly, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) through the Interdisciplinary Group of Independent Experts (GIEI).

The last results of the investigations showed the possible omission or participation of the Armed Forces in the disappearance of the 43 students. For example, there are proofs that military intelligence agents infiltrated as students at the 43 Ayotzinapa Rural Teacher Training College and monitored the disappeared students since they left the school; that other agents of the army intelligence unit followed the students in Iguala; that other military agents monitored the students from their arrival in Iguala until their disappearance; that diverse police cars patrolled the areas where the students were being attacked and made contact with some students without giving them help.

Despite the progress in the investigations, the federal government has refused to deliver missing documents regarding the Ayotzinapa case. In 2023, the GIEI pointed out that the government has not handed over 800 documents from the Army, specifically, a document on the transfer of 17 students from the Barandilla municipal police station to the outskirts of Iguala, which is based on the military wiretapping to the cell phones of the Barandilla Police Deputy Director and the leader of the criminal group in the area Guerrero Unidos. After the refusal of the government to provide those documents, GIEI left the investigations.

Since July 2023, relatives of Ayotzinapa victims, being aware of these documents, have insisted on their delivery. The Undersecretary of Human Rights, Population and Migration, Alejandro Encinas Rodríguez, confirmed the existence of these documents. However, Encinas Rodríguez quit in October 2023, and the government has refused to hand them over.

Since 2023, President Andrés Manuel López Obrador began a series of attacks to discredit the human rights organizations that advise the relatives of the 43 students, such as the Miguel Agustín Pro Juárez Human Rights Center and the GIEI.

***Please take action as soon as possible until May 2, 2024! The UA will be duly updated should there be the need for further action.***