

THE 2014-2018 NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM IS PUBLISHED

The decree approving the National Human Rights Program 2014-2018 was published on April, 30th. The program seeks to implement a State-wide policy on human rights involving all authorities in the country, thus ensuring a greater protection and promotion of human rights.

The Program recognizes the current problems Mexico faces concerning human rights, as well as the need to consolidate an articulated State policy on the subject, which fully guarantees that all authorities respect human rights in their day-to-day activities.

The Program is composed of different strategies and action lines which all entities in the Federal Government must undertake in order to comply with the following objectives:

- 1) Effective implementation of the constitutional reform on human rights.
- 2) Prevention of human rights violations.
- 3) Full enjoyment of human rights by the population, giving particular attention to problems highlighted by national and international organs and seeking the effective functioning of all mechanisms implemented to follow up on international recommendations, among others.
- 4) Strengthening the protection of human rights.
- 5) Generating an adequate coordination between all actors involved in the State's human rights policy through constant coordination with the National Governors' Conference and the National Municipalities' Conference of Mexico.
- 6) Processing all information regarding human rights to strengthen public policy through the elaboration of rules for the effective coordination between entities of the Federal Government on the compliance with human rights protection.

The Program has a national scope of application and contemplates the participation of civil society. It also includes a brief evaluation of the human rights situation in Mexico, which recognizes the existence of human rights violations in different areas and the importance of strengthening the capacity of national authorities to respond to these violations.

In the process of definition of the objectives, strategies and action lines, recommendations of international human rights mechanisms were taken into account, including those resulting from the Universal Periodic Review Mechanism.

The Program includes specific indicators to measure progress made in the implementation of human rights. In order to follow up on this progress, an independent mechanism will be established. Among the indicators considered are the withdrawal of reservations made to international human rights treaties, the number of complaints regarding human rights violations received by the National Human Rights Commission and the establishment of human rights programs within the states.

The Program also specifies the role each public entity must play in its execution, as well as the existing link between the Program and the internal sectorial plan of each entity.

The Vienna Declaration and Program of Action, adopted in June 1993 during the World Conference on Human Rights, recommended that each State “consider the possibility of elaborating a national plan of action that identifies measures that must be taken for that State to improve in the promotion and protection of human rights”.

The publication of this Program constitutes further proof of the current administration's commitment to the goals established in the National Development Plan 2013-2018, its international obligations, as well as of the Government's will to guarantee that all areas of the administration work with a human rights perspective.

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