

LAUNCH OF THE EVALUATION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM ON HUMAN RIGHTS

On June 11th, during the third anniversary of the publication of the Constitutional Reform on Human Rights, the Minister of the Interior, Miguel Angel Osorio Chong, presented the "*Evaluation on the Implementation of the 2011 Constitutional Reform on Human Rights*".

The event also served as a space for the Minister of the Interior to announce the formation of a Civilian Council for the Implementation of the Constitutional Reform on Human Rights.

It should be noted that the Diagnosis integrates the measures that the three branches of Government have taken, within the scope of their powers, in order to comply with the 2011 Constitutional Reform. This shows that the promotion and protection of human rights is a priority for the Mexican government as a whole.

The main objective of the Evaluation is to show the progress and the prospects of implementing the Constitutional Reform on Human Rights. The document also specifies the mechanisms and strategies that have been useful, as well as the challenges that have arisen in the adaptation of the new constitutional principles.

The document is divided in chapters that cover each of the 11 articles that were reformed in 2011; presenting the legislative situation of human rights before the reform; the legislative changes proposed by the Chamber of Deputies from the publication thereof; the achieved progress, the obstacles and strategies to overcome them and; finally, the remaining issues.

Amongst the progress mentioned in the Evaluation, the following is emphasized:

- Expediting the reviews of the laws contained in secondary legislation in order to harmonize it with the Constitutional Reform on Human Rights.
- Presenting the regulatory initiatives of the 11 Constitutional articles that were amended.
- Issuing and reforming the several secondary and regulatory norms of the Mexican legal system, in order to implement the human rights enshrined in the Constitution.
- The creation of the Directorate General of Public Policy on Human Rights, within the Ministry of the Interior, as the specialized body responsible for monitoring the reforms on human rights.

During his speech, the Minister of the Interior stated that, for the implementation of the Constitutional Reforms, four main tasks are being pursued: the construction of public policies on human rights, training of public officials, and dissemination of the reform and, coordination with the various levels of government.

In regard to the formation of the Civilian Council, Minister Osorio Chong said that the decision to install it is based on the need for a deliberative body that assists in defining the scope and that the methodology to be followed in this process is a crucial step, since it's a plural and inclusive citizen body.

The following persons have been designated as Council members: Miguel Concha Malo, Mariclaire Acosta Urquidi, Diego Valades, Jose Narro Robles, Roy Campos, Pedro Salazar Ugarte, Jose Luis Caballero Ochoa, Santiago Corcuera Cabezut, Salvador Camarena, Jose Roldan Xopa, Ana Laura Magaloni Kerpel, Ricardo Raphael de la Madrid, Enrique Fernández Fassnacht, Regina Tames, Sandra Serrano, Katia Dartigues, Miguel Sarre. In coming days, the regulation for its operation will be published.

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Minister of the Supreme Court of Justice, Olga Sanchez Cordero; the Presidents of both houses of Congress, and their respective Committees on Human Rights, among others representatives of the three branches of government also participated in the presentation of the Evaluation.

This Diagnosis constitutes a tool that will allow public institutions to continue with actions designed to implement the Constitutional Reform on Human Rights, thereby strengthening the culture of respect and promotion of human rights throughout the country.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES:

Reference:

Diagnosis on the Implementation of the 2011 Constitutional Reform on Human Rights:

<http://segob.gob.mx/work/models/SEGOB/Resource/2319/2/images/Libro%20Diagn%C3%83%C2%B3stico%20ok%20Final%203-06-2014.pdf>

Transcript of the presentation of the Diagnosis on the Implementation of the 2011 Constitutional Reform on Human Rights:

<http://comunicacion.senado.gob.mx/index.php/informacion/versiones/13146-presentacion-del-diagnostico-de-la-implementacion-de-la-reforma-constitucional-en-materia-de-derechos-humanos-2011.html>