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Dear {{FirstName or 'WOLA Supporter'}},

This week, Central America took center stage, once again. The U.S. Department of State released an update to the Engel List which includes sanctions for additional officials from El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua who have engaged in acts of corruption, obstructed corruption investigations, or threatened democratic processes. This means they won't be allowed to travel to the U.S. Check out [our analysis](#) for more on what this means for the fight against corruption in Central America and the message that the U.S. is sending to the rest of the region.

Also this week, [more developments](#) at the U.S.-Mexico border, an [event briefing](#) about the presentation of Colombia's Truth Commission final report in Washington D.C., and a fascinating [podcast](#) about LGBTIQ+ rights in Venezuela.

Best,



Ana María Méndez Dardón
Director for Central America,
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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

📄 On July 20, the U.S. State Department released an update of the so-called "Engel List", which sanctions corrupt individuals who undermine democracy or obstruct corruption investigations in Central America. But [what is the United States pointing at in each country with these recent sanctions?](#)

🇨🇴 The Truth, Coexistence and Non-Recurrence Commission presented its Final Report on the Colombia Peace Accords in Washington D.C. in an event held on July 15 with the support of WOLA and others. [Read the briefing and watch the event here.](#)

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

🎧 In this episode of *The Venezuela Briefing* [Geoff Ramsey](#) interviews Venezuelan LGBTIQ+ activist and researcher Quiteria Franco, General Coordinator of [Unión Afirmativa](#). They discuss the status of LGBTI rights in Venezuela, which is far behind much of the rest the Americas on issues like marriage equality, adoption rights for same-sex couples, and protections for transgender people. Despite these obstacles, Franco explains how committed activists in the LGBTI community are working for change.



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Carolina Jiménez Sandoval
President



"I invite those who listen to me to think about Latin America and its justice systems, and to find another country that exiles 24 justice operators," referring to Guatemala.

– *EFE*

JOB OPENINGS

WOLA seeks a **Grant Coordinator** to join our fast-paced and dynamic development team. This creative team works to increase and expand the philanthropic partnerships that make WOLA's human rights advocacy possible. Learn more [here](#).

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