

WOLA WEEKLY

The Latest on Latin America

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

This month marks the 8th year anniversary of the disappearances of 43 students of the [Ayotzinapa case](#) in which Mexican security forces and criminal actors forcibly disappeared 43 teaching students in Iguala, Guerrero—part of a disappearance crisis with over [105,000](#) victims. Recent developments, including the [resignation](#) of the prosecutor in charge of the investigation, call into question the case's future and the possibilities for the long-awaited truth and justice for the students' families.

As president Bukele continues to undermine democracy in El Salvador, we published [this statement](#) that WOLA's Director for Central America [Ana María Méndez-Dardón](#) submitted to the *U.S. House of Representative's* Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission hearing on the State of Exception in El Salvador.

Also this week, WOLA's President [Carolina Jiménez Sandoval](#) and WOLA's Director for the Andes [Gimena Sánchez Garzoli](#) are traveling to Brazil as members of an international human rights commission that will monitor elections in Brazil at a time when there have been attacks against democratic institutions and efforts to cast doubt on the electoral system itself.

All that, and much more, in this Weekly WOLA.
Warmly,



Maureen Meyer,
Vice President for Programs



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Take a look at our [Resource Page: Analysis and Information on Mexico's Ayotzinapa Case](#). You can also [read this commentary](#) for more context on the recent developments of the case that lead to the resignation of the special prosecutor.
- [Here is a list](#) of recent human rights incidents during Colombia's presidential transition. In addition to addressing the protection of

social leaders and civilians, a robust implementation of the 2016 Peace Accord is required.

- A [state of exception](#) is a legal mechanism used to address emergency situations and must be eminently temporary and extraordinary. However, President Nayib Bukele has governed El Salvador under this state since March 2022. Learn more in this recent statement.
- With this [statement](#), WOLA joins Venezuela's FFM in calling for effective, thorough, independent, impartial and transparent investigations into all those implicated in the human rights violations and crimes against humanity alleged in the report, and supports its renewal.

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WOLA IN THE NEWS

The resignation of Special Prosecutor for Ayotzinapa Omar Gómez Trejo's resignation was "clearly a reaction to the fact that his office has been sidelined," said WOLA's Director for Mexico [Stephanie Brewer](#) to [The Washington Post](#).



WOLA HUMAN RIGHTS AWARDS 2022



🏆 Learn more about the honorees of this wonderful evening [here](#).

🇸🇻 Read more about the work of Salvadoran human rights lawyer, [David Morales](#), lead prosecutor of the El Mozote massacre, and WOLA's Human Rights Award 2022 honoree.

👉 Learn more about how the Maya Achi and Maya Q'eqchi' women in Guatemala, who received WOLA's Human Rights Award, achieved justice in this [interview](#) with WOLA Senior Fellow Jo-Marie Burt.

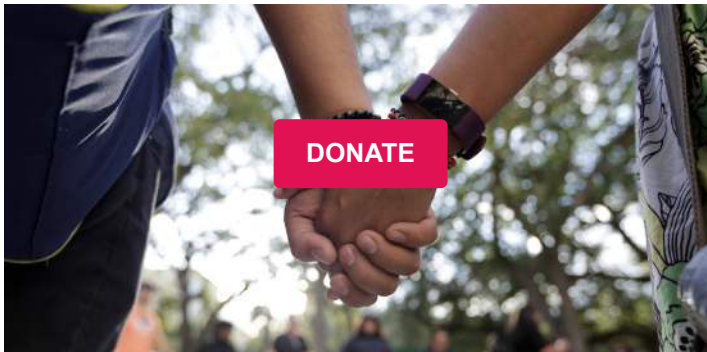
📺 INCYMI: Watch [here](#) our recent event with the Maya Achi and Maya Q'eqchi' women & partner [DPLF](#).

JOB OPENINGS

WOLA is seeking a **Communications Assistant!** We are looking for an administrative, entry-level professional to support two directors and their programs with a variety of tasks, including: event planning, clerical duties, database management, webinar and in-person meeting support, and other logistical support. Learn more [here](#).

SUPPORT WOLA

It's not too late to make a gift in honor of the work of all of our honorees at this year's 2022 WOLA Human Rights Awards and Benefit Gala. As you've read, each one of them faces tremendous odds and opposition to their fight for justice and equality. We know that you value their work, so what better way to salute their perseverance with a donation to WOLA in their honor? We thank you in advance for your generosity.



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