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Launch of Collective #LaJusticiaQueQueremos (#TheJusticeWeWant)

In Mexico, **justice often has two faces**: one for those with influence or money, and another for those without. To ensure that justice has a consistent face for all, it must be equitable and reliable. That is why **#LaJusticiaQueQueremos** was born.

We are a group of **27 organizations (national and international), collectives** and individuals who have been working for years to ensure that justice remains impartial and independent, and that impunity ceases to be the norm in Mexico. **Our goal is to eventually have a justice system that is not two-faced**

To achieve this, it is crucial that the **prosecutor's offices are autonomous and justice remains independent**. When the heads of prosecutors' offices and judicial branches are subject to pressure to resign¹ and political capture, when the Legislative Branch threatens to reduce the budget of the Federal Judiciary, or when the accusations and attacks against these institutions become increasingly common, we need to join forces to achieve **#TheJusticeWeWant**.

What are we going to do? Among other activities:

- **We will monitor attacks on judicial independence**, which includes documenting intimidations, threats and unjustified criticisms against judges, magistrates and/or ministers.
- **We will assess and evaluate the performance of the National Prosecutor's Office** (FGR for its Spanish Initials), as well as state-level prosecutors' offices, to diagnose issues and propose how these institutions can become more effective in addressing the needs of victims and the crimes that harm our society the most, including those that perpetuate systems of violence in the country.
- We will advocate for a **set of standards for appointments** within the justice system, including prosecutors and the judiciary, to ensure that the selection processes for key roles are conducted transparently and the most qualified individuals become a part of the justice system.

Why are we doing it? Because like you, we also want a country where:

- Justice is equal and protects the rights of all people.
- The judicial system is transparent and guarantees compliance with the law without distinctions.
- The law and the human rights of all are respected.

¹ In less than a year, the responsibility of the Prosecutor General has been renewed in at least eight entities in crisis contexts: Nuevo Leon, Oaxaca, Chihuahua, State of Mexico, Durango, Sonora, Quintana Roo and Baja California. In the last three years, five presidents of local judiciaries have resigned before the end of their term: in Baja California, Chihuahua, Hidalgo and Puebla (twice in the last year).



- Victims are heard and obtain justice and reparations.
- All individuals who wish to participate in the appointment processes of the justice system have equal opportunities and best-qualified candidates are selected.
- There is a checks-and-balances system between the executive, legislative and judicial branches.
- Our justice institutions are accessible and responsive to the needs of all.
- All levels of public servants responsible for committing crimes or acts of corruption are investigated.
- Justice is the path to ending impunity and violence in Mexico, leading to a peaceful country.

Let's work together for #TheJusticeWeWant #LaJusticiaQueQueremos

Sincerely,

National Organizations

1. Foundation for Justice and the Democratic Rule of Law (FJEDD)
2. México Evalúa
3. México Unido contra la Delincuencia
4. Comisión Mexicana de Defensa y Promoción de los Derechos Humanos Mexicana
5. Observatorio de Designaciones Públicas
6. Article 19
7. Búscame - Buscando Desaparecidos México
8. Magistrada Ya
9. Instituto de Justicia Procesal Penal, AC
10. Sin Fronteras IAP
11. Plataforma por la Paz y la Justicia en Guanajuato
12. Impunidad cero
13. Mexiro A.C.
14. BORDE
15. Asistencia Legal por los Derechos Humanos A.C. (ASILEGAL)
16. Derechos humanos y litigio estratégico mexicano (DLM)
17. Centro de Investigación de Crímenes Atroces (CICA)
18. Colectivo Buscadoras Guanajuato

19. Justicia Pro Persona A.C.
20. Colectivo Justicia y Esperanza
21. Fuerzas Unidas por Nuestros Desaparecidos en Nuevo León
22. Justicia Transicional en México (JTMX)
23. Centro Universitario por la Dignidad y la Justicia Francisco Suárez, SJ (Jesuit University of Guadalajara, ITESO)
24. Observatorio Nacional Ciudadano de Seguridad, Justicia y Legalidad (ONC)

International organizations:

25. Due Process Foundation
26. Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA)
27. Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice



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