

SPECIAL COMMISSION FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF MASSACRES AND ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCES OF MIGRANT PEOPLE

Context:

In the last decade, several massacres have been committed in Mexico, and the victims of these events are a part of the migrant population. The Foundation for Justice (FJEDD) accompanies the relatives of 5 migrant massacres and has been able to attest to the lack of technical capacities as well as a lack of willingness by the Mexican State to bring justice to these cases.

Objective:

Given the historic impunity of the cases mentioned before (12 years since the first one happened), the Foundation for Justice and the committees of disappeared migrants of the region propose the creation of a Special Commission under the protection of an international mechanism whose objective is to collaborate in the investigations of massacres and disappearances of migrants that are currently active at the Attorney General's Office (FGR), with a focus on systemic macro criminality and an analysis that includes the countries of origin, transit, and destination. The Special Commission must have technical autonomy and a transnational vision of justice and search.

Integration:

With the participation of a selected group from the FGR, the proposal is that the Special Commission be integrated by expert individuals of renown experience –nationally and internationally–, international organizations, civil society organizations, public and private universities, and victim collectives.

The UN Committee on Enforced Disappearances visited México in November 2021 and pointed out that the migrant population is particularly vulnerable in the issue of disappearances, it also recommended the creation of a special multidisciplinary commission for the investigation of disappearances and massacres against migrant people, be formed by national and international experts that support the investigation of facts with a regional approach.

In 2021 a breakthrough took place when the FGR, through the Human Rights Attorney's Office, manifested interest in receiving technical assistance from the UN in the investigations of massacres of migrants. This represented an important step towards forming this mechanism.

It is important to have the support of the international community in this first effort to understand the causes and generate solutions for transnational criminality that commits grave violations against communities in transit.

