

## Declaration

**We demand that the Mexican government investigate the attacks committed against CIMAC (Women's Communication and Information) and implement the necessary measures to ensure their safety and the exercise of their work.**

- **Civil organizations and human rights defenders in Mexico condemn the raid on the offices of CIMAC, a women's news agency based in Mexico City.**
- **We demand that government authorities investigate this attack, as well as a similar previous attack that occurred three years ago, so that these attacks do not go unpunished.**

The civil society organizations who sign on to this declaration condemn and express our concern about the raid committed against CIMAC (Women's Information and Communication). On the morning of May 20, 2011, a group of unidentified people violently broke into the CIMAC office, stole two computers with sensitive accounting information from the administrative department, two computers with writing drafts for the news agency, the webmaster's CPU, a video camera, audio recorders and a number of computer monitors; numerous documents from all over the office were found to have been hidden and/or moved.

This attack against one of the main feminist communication spaces in Mexico is not an isolated incident; three years ago, CIMAC suffered a similar attack which was reported to authorities. Nonetheless, this violent incident remained in impunity as the case was closed only three months after the attack, without a proper investigation by authorities.

CIMAC is known for its journalism with a gender perspective, reporting violations of women's human rights and defending freedom of expression and the work of women human rights defenders, as well as conducting research on human trafficking of women, children and adolescents.

We cannot ignore the fact that these attacks against CIMAC are related to the work they realize and are aimed to intimidate, threaten and limit the work to defend and promote women's human rights in Mexico.

We are concerned that there has been no attempt at a diligent investigation on the part of the authorities who oversaw the case of the raid that occurred three years ago; this has become an incentive for perpetrators, which allow for these actions to

continue. We must remember that impunity leaves women human rights defenders who are violated, at greater risk and inhibits their defense and advocacy for human rights.

**We demand:**

- That the Federal District's Attorney General perform an effective, thorough and impartial investigation to punish those responsible for the raid on CIMAC premises and the theft of working documents and equipment which took place on May 20, 2011.
- To reopen the investigation on the attacks against CIMAC three years ago and ensure that such acts do not go unpunished.
- That required security measures be implemented for CIMAC members as well as to secure its office.

**Organizations signed on to this declaration:**

Cuadernos Feministas, Fracción de Mujeres del PRT, MUJERES UNIDAS:OLYMPIA DE GOUGES, A.C., CDDH Fray Juan de Larios, Red Mesa de Mujeres de Ciudad Juárez A.C., Mujeres por México en Chihuahua, Justicia para nuestras Hijas, Comisión de Solidaridad y Defensa de los Derechos Humanos, A.C., Comisión Mexicana de Defensa y Promoción de los Derechos Humanos A.C., Centro Diocesano para los Derechos Humanos Fray Juan de Larios A.C., Nuestras Hijas de Regreso a Casa A.C., Pacto por la Cultura, Centro de Derechos de las Mujeres A.C., ENLACE, Comunicación y Capacitación, Grupo de mujeres de San Cristóbal de las Casas A.C., Municipio Autónomo Zapatista, Tamaulipas Diversidad y VIHDA Trans A.C., Alternativas Pacíficas A.C., Ciudadanos en Apoyo a los Derechos Humanos A.C., CLADEM-México, Lesbianas en Patlatonalli A. C., Centro para los derechos de la Mujer Nääxwiin, Red Nacional de Promotoras y Asesoras Rurales, Centro de Derechos Humanos Bartolomé Carrasco Briseño A.C., Círculo Profesional para la Formación con Equidad de Género ¡Ndudxa Ndandi!, Mujeres Organizadas Yuubani, Consorcio para el Diálogo Parlamentario y la Equidad Oaxaca A.C., Red Feminista Sonorense, Servicios Humanitarios en Salud Sexual y Reproductiva, Colectivo Feminista de Xalapa A.C., Coordinadora Guerrerense de Mujeres Indígenas y Afromexicana, Instituto Guerrerense de Derechos Humanos A.C., OPIM, Centro de Derechos Humanos de la Montaña Tlachinollan, Centro de Derechos Humanos Victoria Díez A.C., Las Libres A.C., Frente de Pueblos en Defensa de la Tierra, Proyecto Derechos Económicos Sociales y Culturales, Comité Cerezo, Serapaz, HIJOS, JASS - Asociadas por lo Justo, Sociedad Mexicana Pro Derechos de la Mujer AC, Asociación para los Derechos de la Mujer y el Desarrollo AWID, Nuestras Hijas de regreso a casa, Código DH, Colectivo Feminista

Socialista Rosas Chillantes, Centro de Apoyo al Trabajador, Consorcio para el Diálogo Parlamentario y la Equidad, Semillas, FOCA, ¡SI NO ESTAN ELLAS. NO ESTAMOS TODAS!, Movimiento pacto por la Cultura, Colectivo: Arte, Comunidad y Equidad, Grupo de Articulación Justicia en Juárez. Liga de Mujeres Desplazadas y Observatorio Género Democracia y Derechos Humanos.

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