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Estimado Señor Procurador,

I am concerned about the case of Miriam López, a mother of four arrested in February 2011 by members of the Mexican armed forces. Whilst in detention Miriam was tortured and raped. Despite the fact that the torture and ill-treatment have been confirmed by Mexico's National Commission for Human Rights (CNDH), and the fact that Miriam López has been able to recognise some of her torturers, no one has yet been made responsible for the gross violations of Miriam López human rights.

I call on you to ensure that Miriam López receives justice and reparation for the human rights violations that she has suffered and to carry out a full, prompt and impartial investigation, make the results public and brings those responsible to justice. Miriam López should be provided with redress and reparations via legal proceedings in strict accordance with her wishes.

I further call on the Mexican government to adopt a comprehensive and effective action plan to implement the recommendations made by Amnesty International and the UN CAT in 2012. This action plan should include key measures such as:

- Setting up an accurate, accessible, nationwide database on reports of torture and ill-treatment, prosecutions and convictions.
- Strengthening and reforming the justice system so that all allegations of torture and ill-treatment are effectively investigated and prosecuted in accordance with international standards.
- Ensuring all persons detained are immediately presented to the public prosecutor and their detention promptly and accurately registered.
- Ensuring immediate, full and impartial medical examinations of victims in line with international human rights standards and for the results to be made available to victim, relatives and legal representation.
- Ensuring that criminal justice procedural reforms exclude in practice from judicial proceedings any evidence obtained under torture or ill-treatment.
- The abolition of pre-charge administrative detentions (arraigo).
- Reforming the Military Code of Justice to end military jurisdiction for human rights cases and, pending this, the President must give immediate orders to the military authorities to decline jurisdiction in all such cases and cooperate fully with civilian authorities.
- Introducing and supporting legal reforms in order to ensure that independent medical examinations and those carried out by the CNDH are granted full evidential status in court proceedings. Medical experts must be granted early and full access to suspects that make allegations of torture and ill-treatment.

Saludos cordiales,

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