

Civil Society Statement towards Mexico's National Voluntary Review in the United Nations High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development 2021

During the 2018 HLPF questions regarding human rights, accountability and 2030 Agenda implementation progress were evaded. Moreover, before COVID-19, SDSN downgraded Mexico from position 69 to position 80 in terms of SDG implementation progress. Additionally, this year, 2030 Agenda MX - which was previously positioned in the Presidency - was transferred to the Ministry of Economy, therefore downplaying it from the federal administration.

As such, we urge the Mexican Government to respond to the unanswered issues, as well as considering the following:

In view of the environmental crisis – since 2018, why has the budget allocated to this sector been cut off by more than half while energy use policies - which increase greenhouse gases and do not include a clean energy strategy that complies with the Paris Agreement, which Mexico has ratified?

Currently, there is a lack of training and tools to understand and implement the 2030 Agenda in vulnerable communities and groups. How will an open State be strengthened, which would guarantee access to disaggregated and updated information, transparency, accountability and inclusive social participation?

The perpetuation of corruption and impunity due to systemic and extreme violence prevents equal opportunities, access, and the implementation of justice under an intersectional and transversal approach - especially for groups whose rights historically have been violated.¹ What urgent mechanisms will be implemented to guarantee, respect, protect, and promote Human Rights in the framework of a socio-economic crisis that exacerbates the health, educational, environmental and security crises?

We urge the Mexican State to take the following measures: (1) restructure its plans and programs so that the NDP is consistent with the 2030 Agenda; (2) suspend unsustainable megaprojects to ensure environmental sustainability; and (3) strategically redistribute technical and financial resources in order to reduce inequalities and vulnerabilities based on the gender perspective, Human Rights, mainstreaming, and intersectionality.

→ **297 WORDS.**

¹ Indigenous peoples, women, children, adolescents, youth, people with disabilities, older adults, migrants and forcibly displaced persons, refugees, LGBTQ+, people with chronic degenerative diseases, Afro-descendants, people living on the streets, activists, environmental defenders, human rights defenders and journalists, caregivers, domestic workers, people without official documents, sex workers, drug users, people in prison and ex-incarcerated, day laborers, rural communities, politically persecuted, political and conscience prisoners, families of forcibly disappeared people, and people affected by militarization and megaprojects.

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