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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS WELCOMES SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT FOR RENEWAL OF MANDATE OF HER OFFICE IN MEXICO

Geneva, Mexico City, 6 February 2008 -- The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Louise Arbour, on official visit to Mexico, today signed an agreement with the Government of Mexico extending the presence and activities of her Country Office in Mexico until 30 November 2012.

Upon the invitation of the Government of Mexico, the High Commissioner is engaged in a mission to Mexico from 5 to 8 February. During her visit, she is meeting with high-level governmental dignitaries, as well as with representatives of the National Commission on Human Rights and of civil society organisations, to discuss the current human rights situation in the country, as well as to evaluate progress made and challenges still ahead.

"I am very happy that the Government of Mexico and I have reached agreement to continue the long-standing cooperation we have enjoyed through the extension of the agreement between us. This Agreement provides clear definitions and priorities for the continuation of my Office's support to national efforts in promoting and protecting human rights. I am encouraged that Mexico's leadership internationally on human rights is also paralleled by its openness to move forward on the domestic agenda", she said.

The High Commissioner for Human Rights expressed her gratitude towards the Government for its continued cooperation and strong trust in the activities of her Office in Mexico.