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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS TO VISIT MEXICO

Geneva, Mexico City, 1 February 2008-- The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Louise Arbour, will officially visit Mexico from 5 to 8 February 2008. During the visit, the High Commissioner will sign an agreement with the Government of Mexico to continue the Office's support to national efforts in promoting and protecting human rights. She also intends to discuss the human rights situation in Mexico, including progress made and main challenges ahead, as well as to assess national initiatives aimed at promoting respect for human rights.

The High Commissioner will meet with President Mr. Felipe Calderon, with Foreign Minister Ms. Patricia Espinosa, as well as with other high-level officials from the Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches. She will also meet with representatives of the National Commission on Human Rights and of civil society, including human rights defenders, women and indigenous organizations, and members of academia.

The High Commissioner is also expected to visit the state of Guerrero, where she will meet with the Governor and the Coordination Committee in charge of the preparation of the Local Human Rights Assessment, as well as with local indigenous organizations.

This is Ms. Arbour's second visit to Mexico as High Commissioner for Human Rights.