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UN human rights chief to visit Mexico, 3-9 July 2011

GENEVA – The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay, at the invitation of the Mexican Government, will on Sunday begin an official visit to Mexico to discuss human rights issues with the Government, lawmakers, the judiciary and the Ombudsman at federal and local level, as well as with non-governmental organisations. The mission will begin in Oaxaca on 3 July 2011 and end on Saturday, 9 July in Mexico City.

During her high-level visit, the High Commissioner is scheduled to meet President Felipe Calderón, and a number of cabinet members, including the Minister of Interior, the Minister of Defence, the Minister of Public Security, as well as the President of the Supreme Court, the Attorney General and the Federal Congress, in addition to local authorities and legislators in the state of Oaxaca and Mexico City.

High Commissioner Pillay, , plans to discuss a wide range of issues with government authorities and civil society actors and human rights defenders. These issues include security, migrant rights, discrimination, women's rights, indigenous rights, and freedom of expression.

On Wednesday 6 July, Pillay will launch a Human Rights Defenders' Campaign "Declare yourself defender," designed by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in Mexico, to spread the message on the right to defend human rights among the general public.

A **press conference** will be held on Friday 8 July 2011 at 16:00, at the Museum of "Memory and Tolerance" in Mexico City.

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