



Local statement of the European Union on the approval of the General Law on Victims in Mexico

The Delegation of the European Union issues the following statement in agreement with the Heads of Mission of the European Union in Mexico.

The Delegation of the European Union welcomes the unanimous approval of the General Law on Victims by the Senate and House of Deputies and congratulates President Enrique Peña Nieto for its promulgation on 9 of January 2013. It takes note of the readiness to amend the current text to strengthen the scope of the Law.

The General Law on Victims is a fundamental step towards strengthening the rule of law in Mexico and respecting victims' human rights.

The Delegation of the European Union encourages the competent legislative and executive authorities to take the necessary measures to ensure an effective implementation of the fundamental concepts of the Law, with a view for the Mexican citizens to concretely enjoy its benefits.

It salutes the good cooperation of the authorities and Civil Society in the design and preparation of this Law

The promotion and respect of human rights are a shared priority of the European Union and Mexico and the EU will continue its active dialogue with Mexico in the field of human rights, security and law procurement.

Mexico, 18 January 2013