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## **Prevent Arbitrary Detentions of Migrants and Asylum Seekers On México's Southern Border**

Dear Minister Sánchez Cordero,

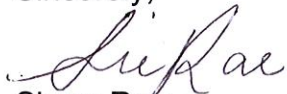
On behalf of the Thompson Rivers University Students' Union, we call on you to immediately prevent arbitrary detentions of migrants and asylum seekers entering through México's southern border, prevent the detention of children, and replace the deployment of the National Guard with a humanitarian response that individually assesses the needs of people entering México.

We are deeply concerned by reports from Amnesty International regarding the recent detention and subsequent deportation of 400 migrants and asylum seekers, including children, in Chiapas state, without proper explanation about their right to seek asylum or ability to explore other migratory options in México.

International law compels you to individually assess the needs of people entering México. Therefore, we urge you to establish a humanitarian response as opposed to a military response from the recently deployed National Guard. The deportation tactics used by this military response not only violate the human rights of these migrants, but are also ineffective at curbing migration from countries where migrant's life and safety are at risk. For these reasons, we feel that a humanitarian response would be the most effective course of action in amending this crisis.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

  
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