

Parents of Ayotzinapa invite Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples to visit Mexico

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“I have only one request: we reiterate the invitation to Mexico to the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, to visit the Ayotzinapa Rural Teachers’ College and learn about the repression that students and indigenous peoples are experiencing,” said Antonio Tizapa, father of Jorge Antonio Tizapa Legideño, one of the 43 students from the Raúl Isidro Burgos Teachers’ College who disappeared on September 26, 2014, by the Mexican State, which participated in the events at all levels, in his speech at the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

As in 2015, representatives of the parents of the missing youth from Ayotzinapa are participating in the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, which this year is dedicated to the topic of conflict, resolution and peace.

In his speech, Antonio Tizapa said: “This year’s theme is conflict, resolution and peace. In our case, the conflict continues because we do not have our children, the expected resolution is that they are returned to

us alive. Only then will we perhaps find a momentary peace, because as long as the government continues to repress and disappear, with the help of criminal groups, our indigenous peoples, there will never be peace.”

“Thanks to the Interdisciplinary Group of Independent Experts (GIEI) and the Argentine Forensic Anthropology Team (EAAF), we know that our children are alive. Thanks to the investigation by the IACHR experts, we know that the Mexican government has lied to us, saying that our children were murdered. We do not believe or trust the Mexican government, and that is why we are requesting international help, as well as the creation and permanence of a mechanism that will punctually follow up on each of the recommendations of the GIEI and the EAAF,” continued Mr. Antonio Tizapa, reiterating the invitation to the Rapporteur, which he made last year at this same forum, María de Jesús Tlatempa Bello.

“It is essential that we demand that the Mexican government return our children to us. The GIEI report confirms that the responsibility for the events was the State at all levels and that is why we are asking for their prosecution. It has been 19 months since we have had our children with us. It has been 19 months since we have demanded their appearance alive and we are asking for justice. For this reason, we are waiting for the visit to Mexico of the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: we need the resolution of the conflict of 43 families, although we know that there are not only 43, but thousands more” concluded Mr. Antonio Tizapa.

The Forum began on Monday, May 9 and will end on Friday, May 20. A press conference by the President of the Forum, Álvaro Pop, is expected on Tuesday, May 17.