

TABASCO DECLARATION

1. The different institutions and organizations that take part in the Second International Seminar Best Practices to Combat Human Trafficking, have a commitment, which can not be waived, with the defense and protection of human rights.
2. We firmly support the idea that there's no justification for the cruel or infamous treatment against people, in particular with the one against children, youth and women.
3. We agree in saying that this topic is a regional problem which needs to add up efforts, capacities and resources in order to combat, with all our energies, this crime.
4. We assume the essential message of the Vienna Declaration, in the sense of recognizing that the persistence of human trafficking in our societies is a situation that must shame us, and in such terms, must mobilize us to combat it.
5. We declare that the combat against human trafficking and the protection and rehabilitation of the victims must be considered as the first priority in all our actions.

According to these declarations, we make a commitment and a call to all the public and private institutions in the country, in order to:

6. Recognize that human trafficking is one of the greatest threats against the compliance of the human rights in Mexico, as well as a danger for the social cohesion.
7. Make a commitment to put in the center of all public decisions, the defense of the superior interest of childhood, and to plead for the eradication of all forms of abuse, mistreat and violence against girls, boys and teenagers.
8. Generate actions to prevent human trafficking, as well as other situations and crimes that facilitate them to be perpetrated.



9. Construct, according to their possibilities and resources, specific programs for the attention of victims of these crimes, the construction of special shelters and accommodations, as well as social rehabilitation and reintegration mechanisms.
10. Implement actions for the establishment of opportune systems for the attention, information and prevention of human trafficking.

These agreements respond to an ethical commitment of the Mexican society and are made up according to our National Constitution, which requires us to defend the liberty, justice and dignity for all.

Given in Villahermosa City, Tabasco, February the 27th, 2009.

This Declaration was subscribed by:

Andrés Rafael Granier Melo (Tabasco's Governor), Mario Luis Fuentes (CEIDAS' Executive Director), Deputy César Camacho Quiroz (Chamber of Deputies Justice Commission), Ángel Saltos (Ricky Martin Foundation) Rolando Cordera (University Seminar on the Social Question), Fernando Cortés (COLMEX), Paulette Dieterlen (Institute of Philosophical Research, UNAM) and 350 persons which assisted to the Seminar that are committed to fight against human trafficking.

