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Dear President,

I am writing to express my deep concern at the widespread and persistent use of torture and other ill-treatment in Mexico. Amnesty International's latest report, "*Out of control. Torture and other ill-treatment in Mexico*", provides a thorough analysis of the current situation and proposes a set of useful recommendations that your government should consider and implement as a matter of urgency.

I am above all shocked by the individual cases which are mentioned in the report, for example the case of Claudia Medina Tamariz, who was accused of being a member of a violent gang and taken by marines to a naval base where she was beaten, sexually assaulted and given electric shocks. To this date no one has been held to account for her torture.

This is only one of the many horrific cases documented in the report where impunity has prevailed, as the Mexican government turns a blind eye to torture by police and the military. By 2013, at state level only five convictions for torture had ever been recorded and seven at federal level.

I am calling on you to show your commitment to stop torture in Mexico by publicly acknowledging the scale of the problem and taking steps to strengthen the investigation of allegations of torture and other ill-treatment. In particular, I would like you to urge the Federal Attorney General to:

- Ensure that medical examinations into torture are conducted in line with international standards such as the Istanbul Protocol;
- Ensure that independent medical experts can examine detainees at the earliest opportunity, and that their medical legal evaluations are considered as evidence by prosecutors and judges;
- Immediately launch an independent and thorough investigation into any allegation of torture and other ill-treatment.

I thank you for your attention to this urgent matter and look forward to hearing from you on the action taken on these and other recommendations highlighted in the Amnesty International report.

Yours sincerely,