



## **Committee of Experts expresses its concern over the situation of violence against women in Mexico**

The Committee of Experts of the Follow-up Mechanism to the [Belém do Pará Convention](#) (MESECVI), through a letter sent on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to the National Commissioner for the Prevention and Eradication of Violence against Women (CONAVIM). Ángela Quiroga Quiroga expressed its concern over different cases of violence against women in Mexico, where there are patterns of violence that stand out for their cruelty, impunity, frequency and means used to attack the life, integrity and freedom of women.

Among the cases mentioned, the Committee highlighted an imprecise number of pregnant women killed to steal their fetuses; the femicides of foreign and Mexican women in situations of prostitute, as well as those of a teacher and her daughter, a candidate for a deputation and the case of a young detainee who was the victim of acts of sexual violence committed by armed forces of the Mexican State.

These severe forms of violence against women show a particular and worrying rage against their bodies. For this reason, the Committee reiterated the need to strengthen and deepen the implementation of public policies aimed at complying with the obligations to prevent, punish and eradicate violence against women. The committee also stressed the strict obligation of due diligence in the investigation of these cases in the context of generalized violence against women, in accordance with the Belém do Pará Convention, the jurisprudence of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the recommendations of the Committee.

*The [Committee of Experts](#) is the technical body of the MESECVI responsible for the analysis and evaluation of the implementation process of the Belém do Pará Convention. It is composed of independent experts, appointed by each of the States Party from among its nationals, who exercise their functions in a personal capacity.*