

UPR of Mexico

Statement by the Republic of Poland

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Mr. President,

We would like to thank the delegation of Mexico for their active participation in the UPR process and the presentation of their national report.

Poland would like to express its concern about the impunity of crimes. Data shows that only about 1 to 2 per cent of crime (including homicide) - related investigations lead to conviction. **We would thus recommend the adoption by Mexico of appropriate measures and their implementation, enabling an effective functioning of public security forces subject to civilian control.**

Poland would also like to express its concern about the risks faced in Mexico by human rights defenders, journalists and NGO activists. We are worried by the fact that in many cases, violent acts against human rights defenders are not properly investigated, and the offenders often remain unpunished. We thus appeal to Mexico to create an environment where human rights defenders can fulfill their important duties safely and where any attacks on them are meticulously investigated. **We would like to recommend, that Mexico introduce legal provisions effectively guaranteeing the safety of human rights defenders.**

Thank you for your attention,