

I am writing to express my grave concern on the recent closed-door discussions of the US and Mexico, considering declaring Mexico a “safe third country”. This would block all asylum seekers passing through Mexico from seeking protection in US and force them to stay in dangerous and under-equipped Mexico. This deal which could be agreed in coming weeks should be immediately stopped.

I am calling the relevant authorities of two states to take the following actions:

Mexican authorities are urged to refuse to sign a “safe third country” agreement with the US;

the US State Department is urged to halt any bilateral diplomatic discussions on a “safe third country” agreement with Mexico;

the US Department of Homeland Security should also desist from promoting a “safe third country” agreement with Mexico and ensure people seeking asylum are allowed entry into the US.

Your attention on this matter would be highly appreciated.

Yours respectfully,