

I am writing this to express my grave concern for Brenda Rangel Ortiz and Hector Rangel Ortiz.

On November 1, 2013, heavily-armed police officers surrounded the house of Brenda Rangel Ortiz, whose brother Hector Rangel Ortiz has been disappeared since 2009. She and her family are campaigning for truth and justice and believe this intimidation was intended to deter her from organizing a march in his name.

I call on you to carry out a full investigation into the police operation in front of Brenda Rangel's home and for those responsible to be held to account.

I also call on you to ensure that the Rangel family and their friends and supporters can enjoy their right to freedom of expression and association whenever they organize a march.

At the same time, I urge you to see to it that the Federal Attorney General's Office carry out an effective investigation into all cases of disappearances and abductions, including the case of Hector Rangel Ortiz, and bring those responsible to justice.

Thank you for your prompt attention to the above.

Sincerely yours,