

Dear FIDH's colleagues:

We, members of the staff as well as the members of its Board of Directors of the *Comisión Mexicana de Defensa y Promoción de los Derechos Humanos A.C.* (CMDPDH) are pleased to sign this public letter to express our vigorous support to the candidacy of **Luis Guillermo Pérez** to the **Presidency of the FIDH** for the period 2013-2016.

Many of us have shared several battles next to Luis Guillermo; we have joined solidarity efforts in different occasions and even had the fortune to celebrate together victories in the human rights field. Over the years we have been witnesses of Luis Guillermo's devotion and commitment to the defense of human rights, not only in his beloved Colombia, but in different countries over the world. In this context, we have been beneficiaries of his extensive experience and career.

We are positive that the characterized solidarity of Luis Guillermo with different causes and initiatives constitute clear examples of the multiple benefits that will entail having him as President of our Federation. We are confident that his vitality will allow the consolidation of the work done by previous FIDH's Presidents, but also will allow to print his hallmark in guiding the International Secretariat to continue the great work of our Federation does around the globe hand to hand with its members leagues.

As most of you may know, his desire to guide the work of FIDH is not something new. Luis Guillermo submitted his candidacy six years ago. We hope that with your votes in Turkey we can give him a vote of trust to occupy the post of President and benefit this time with his compromise, capacity and enthusiasm in the fight for the full respect and enjoyment of human rights in each of the continents.

Sincerely yours,

Ximena Andión President

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