



**13th session of the Forum on Minority Issues
"Hate speech, social media and minorities"**

Mexico's intervention at the Roundtable: towards a safer space for minorities: positive initiatives to address hate speech online: the role of national human rights institutions, human rights organisations, civil society and other interested parties

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Thank you, Madam President,

My delegation has been characterised by its firm conviction to totally and unconditionally eradicate racism and all forms of discrimination and intolerance, including the issuance and propagation of hate speech.

The Mexican state has a multicultural composition based on its 68 Indigenous Communities and the Afro-Mexican People, which is why the recognition of minorities and the exercise of their rights is a priority for us.

In line with the above, Mexico is part of the core group of countries presenting the resolution on the "Rights of people belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities" in the framework of the Human Rights Council.

At the national level, the National Council to Prevent Discrimination (Conapred) has carried out prompt actions to combat the root causes of hate speech, with an emphasis on "the spheres of teaching, education, culture and information to combat prejudice".

Some of these actions include:

- **Adherence to the global campaign "No Hate Speech Movement"** propelled by the Council of Europe and through which actions have been implemented to combat hate speech in physical and virtual spaces against migrants, women and young people, among others.
- In this framework, the Movement Against Hate Speech, an initiative that seeks to counteract hate speech used in digital media against historically discriminated groups, by creating inclusive narratives that invite dialogue, was also propelled.

- In addition, **Conapred and Twitter signed a Memorandum of Understanding** to promote a safe, secure and enjoyable environment for users of this platform.
- Likewise, the **National Youth Camp of the Movement without Hate** is organised annually and brings together young people from different countries and states of the Republic to discuss concrete strategies to combat stigmatising and hate speech in the digital media.
- Finally, as part of an information strategy to prevent xenophobia in the different contexts of mobility, the document **Myths and Realities about the Migrant Caravan and Refugees** has been issued, which refutes seven myths or prejudices that tend to manifest themselves in contexts of migratory crises, and whose main objective is to dismantle prejudices that can affect the full enjoyment of the human rights of people on the move.

Mexico reiterates its commitment to the fight to eradicate racism and all forms of discrimination.

Thank you very much.