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To Claudio Grossman, Chairperson of the Committee Against
Torture,

I am writing this letter with regard to the upcoming
consideration of Mexico in the State reporting procedure of the
UN Committee Against Torture (CAT). In collaboration with
partners in Mexico, the IRCT has submitted a report focusing
on implementation of the Istanbul Protocol as a tool to
document torture in Mexico.

The report provides an up to date analysis of the Istanbul
Protocol implementation efforts in Mexico. In order to save
time and resources, the report and its analysis is based on a
report published by Physicians for Human Rights in 2008 on
the same subject. While the 2008 report is not specifically
targeted at CAT and was published four years ago, it does
provide the analytical background for understanding the highly
complex issue of torture documentation in Mexico. Further, the
information contained in the PHR report is still relevant and
applicable. We believe that it is an important piece of
information in order to get a comprehensive understanding of

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the national situation and IRCT's short update report will appear incomplete if the 2008 is not made publically available.

We therefore encourage the Committee to publish the 2008 report along with the update report from IRCT and our local partners on the Committee's website. Alternatively, we would like to request permission to submit an annex to our own report, which will contain relevant excerpts from the 2008 report.

I am available for further consultation on this subject.

Yours sincerely,

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