



COMMISSION FOR THE PROTECTION OF MIGRANT CHILDREN AND ASYLUM SEEKERS



What is the Commission?

Within the framework of the National System for the Protection of Children, it is the body that decides national policy for the protection of migrant children and asylum seekers in Mexico.

What Powers does it have?

It coordinates and executes the necessary strategies and actions that guarantee the exercise, respect and protection of the rights of migrant children and asylum seekers in Mexico, considering the best interest of the child as established in the Convention on the Rights of Children, the General Law on the Rights of Children and their respective state laws.

Who is it composed of?

- Ministry of the Interior, through the Under-Secretary of Human Rights, Population and Immigration
- National Immigration Institute (INM)
- Mexican Refugee Commission (COMAR)
- Immigration Policy Unit of the Ministry of the Interior (UPM-SEGOB)
- Ministry of Social Welfare, through the National Institute for Social Development
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs (SRE)
- Ministry of Security and Citizen Protection
- National System for Family Development, through the federal Attorney General for Child Protection
- National Conferences of Governors (CONAGO)
- National Council for the Prevention of Discrimination (CONAPRED)
- Executive committee for Attention to Victims (CEAV)
- National Human Rights Commission (CNDH)
- Senate of the Republic (Chairs of the Human Rights commissions, Children's Rights and Foreign Affairs)
- Chamber of deputies (Chairs of the Immigration Commission, Attention to Vulnerable Groups, Human Rights, and the Rights of Children)
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Mexico (OHCHR)
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Possible participation of representatives or bodies from civil society organizations

Why is it important?

It brings together key public institutions to jointly develop and execute strategies for the protection of migrant children. For many years, one of the main challenges to providing effective attention to migrant children in Mexico has been the lack of communication and coordination between public institutions and the different levels of government responsible for protecting the rights of this population.