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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - REQUEST REF: 0817-16

Thank you for your email of 28 August asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked the following:

- 1) *How much money was provided to the Ciudadanos en Apoyo a los Derechos Humanos project in 2014 (I think).*
- 2) *How much money has been provided to charities and NGO's in Mexico to improve the Judicial Process there.*
- 3) *Which organisations are you currently working with to help improve the judiciary there.*

On 15 September you refined your second question to the time period of 12 January 2013 to the date of your request. I am writing to confirm that we have now completed the search for the information which you requested.

In the 2012/13 Financial Year the British Embassy in Mexico City funded a project implemented by Ciudadanos en Apoyo a los Derechos Humanos (Citizens in Support of Human Rights or CADHAC) worth £10,413.50 to diminish impunity for enforced disappearances in Nuevo Leon. In the 2013/14 Financial Year the FCO provided £84,155.00 to them to build on this work to help strengthen criminal prosecution and judicial processes in the Mexican state of Nuevo León, resulting in a strengthened legal framework for addressing enforced disappearances, and improved access to justice. The project was funded through the FCO's Human Rights and Democracy Fund.

Information related to your second question is in the table of the attached annex.

We are currently supporting a number of projects in the area of criminal justice reform in Mexico, a key priority for our work in the country – though only one of these projects involves the judiciary directly. The project is being implemented by the International Bar Association Human Rights Institute in collaboration with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Mexico. Two British High Court judges will also visit Mexico this year to deliver conferences at the Mexican Supreme Court.

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Yours sincerely,

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Annex: Funding Provided to Organisations in Mexico to Improve the Judicial Process

Financial Year	Funding Provided	Details
2012/13	£75,650.00	Strengthening investigative capacities of the Office of the Specialised Prosecutor for Crimes Against Freedom of Expression, Article 19 Mexico
	£10,413.50	Diminishing Impunity for Enforced Disappearances in Nuevo Leon, CADHAC
	£5,630.00	Training on torture prevention for State and Federal Judges and Public Defenders, International Bar Association Human Rights Institute (IBAHRI)
2013/14	£75,939.42	State Accountability through Gender Equality: Furthering access to justice for women in the State of Mexico, EQUIS: Justicia para las Mujeres
	£84,155.00	Strengthening criminal prosecution and judicial processes in Nuevo Leon, CADHAC
2014/15	N/A	
2015/16	£ 60,680.22	Criminal justice reform in Mexico: Oversight to improve its quality, CIDAC
	£ 25,175.00	Magna Carta Legacy: Rule of Law and Anticorruption in Mexico
	£46,120.00	Protecting Mexicans from torture and enforced disappearances in partnership with key national justice institutions and UN expert bodies, IBAHRI
2016/17 <i>(allocated)</i>	£76,891.00	Improving Police Technical Capacities: The face of the criminal justice system, CIDAC
	£130,342.00	Balancing the Justice System: Strengthening Public Defender's Offices to achieve access to justice, Mexican Institute for Human Rights and Democracy
	£155,996.00	Breaking the cycle of impunity: torture and enforced disappearance prevention training for Mexican judges, prosecutors and public defenders, IBAHRI
<i>Total</i>	<i>£ 746,992.14</i>	