

Mexico City, August 8th 2018

SUBJECT: July 30th 2018 event, reimplementation of institutional strategy “Voluntary Disarmament for your Family” and “For your Family, Voluntary Disarmament with you from Home”

CONTEXT

- This strategy looks forward to **make citizens aware** about the danger of having a weapon at home by inviting them to **hand over and trade their weapons** for a financial and/or in kind aid.
- Its goal is to build a **peace and legality culture** with social participation, **to diminish household accidents** and **to prevent crime**, in order to reach family and societal welfare and security.
- This is a coordinated effort among different Mexico City Government’s Institutions: Social Development Office (SEDESOC), Public Security Office (SSP), Integral Family Development System (DIF), LOCATEL and the Citizens’ Council, with the support of National Defense Office (SEDENA).
- Up to date, the following have been received and destroyed:
 - More than **30,000** fire **weapons** and grenades
 - More than **250 thousand** useful **magazines** exchanged
 - More than **21 thousand war toys** redeemed for didactic toys

GOAL

- As you may know, this strategy fosters a **peace and non-violence culture** through events that promote **peacefully handing over weapons**, inviting people to exchange weapons and war toys for money, electronic devices or didactic toys, voluntarily and anonymously (the weapons are destroyed at the very moment they are traded).

OPERATION PROCESS

- Receiving the request via telephone, in the person or through SEDESOC promoters.
- Sending the request to the trading stand.
- A SSP vehicle, with civilian-dressed staff, picks up the person and his/her weapon at his/her address.
- Trip to the trading stand at the respective town hall to exchange the weapon.
- Hand over the economic or in kind aid.
- Go directly to the stands installed in the corresponding zone, according to the schedule attached.



CAPACITIES

- Strengthen the **Pace culture promotion** by presenting a real option that allows citizens to **hand over their weapons discretionally**.
- **Greater coverage** of territories by town halls, addressing zones with **higher crime and violence rates**.
- **Increase by 100%** the fulfilled requests and received weapons, which also increase the total number of **violence-free households**.
- **Diminish crime rates** in Mexico City, through the evolution and improvement of this institutional strategy.

DATA

- SEDESO's budget of **\$18,801,847.00** (eighteen millions, eight hundred one thousand, eight hundred forty seven mexican pesos 00/100 MXN) for the rest of 2018.
- 3 million, 90 thousand 371 visits have been made by the SEDESO staff **from December 2012 throughout July 2017**.
- Currently, cooperation agreements and intention letters have been signed with the following:
 - Nezahualcoyotl Municipality, Edo de México
 - Managua City Hall, Nicaragua
 - San José Municipality, Costa Rica
 - Cártago Municipality, Costa Rica

We hope this information will be useful for our organization and I extend my best wishes and continued success in your endeavors.

Sincerely,

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