**Case: Yecenia Armenta, Mexico**

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Dear Attorney General,

In July 2012, Yecenia Armenta Graciano was brutally beaten, suffocated and raped by plain-clothed state police in Culiacán until she ‘confessed’ to the murder of her husband. She was forced to sign a statement while blindfolded.

In detention, official doctors examined Yecenia but failed to document her injuries. Two independent medical examinations conducted in line with international standards have concluded that torture took place.

Yecenia has spent the last three years in prison, charged solely on her so-called ‘confession’ that was obtained through torture. The prosecution has failed to present any evidence of the crime she has been accused of.

Attorney General, I call on you to:

* Drop the charges against Yecenia Armenta and release her immediately.
* Carry out a full, prompt and impartial investigation into the torture suffered by Yecenia Armenta and bring all those responsible to justice.

Yours,