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UT Human Rights Clinic to Brief Congress on Enforced Disappearances in Mexico

Human Rights Clinic Director will provide analysis on the crisis of enforced disappearance in Mexico and present findings from report on human rights abuses committed by the Zetas cartel in Coahuila, Mexico

AUSTIN, TX—On **Thursday October 5, 2017 at 10:00 am ET**, Ariel Dulitzky will speak before the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission of the U.S. House of Representatives at a briefing on enforced disappearances in Mexico. Ariel Dulitzky is the Director of the Human Rights Clinic at the University of Texas School of Law. Between 2010 and 2017, Professor Dulitzky served as a member of the United Nations Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances (WGEID) and as its Chair Rapporteur between 2013 and 2015.

According to official figures, over 32,000 people have been disappeared in Mexico since 2006. In his remarks before the House committee, Professor Dulitzky will share his analysis on the crisis of disappearance in Mexico. He will also highlight key findings from an upcoming Human Rights Clinic report on the relationship between organized crime and the state in Coahuila, Mexico and the human rights violations—including disappearances—that have been committed there.

The upcoming report analyzes the most important information arising out of witness testimonies from three U.S. federal trials against members of the Zeta cartel. The report

maps out the hierarchical structure of the Zetas, documents the links between the Zetas and Coahuila state authorities, and identifies human rights abuses perpetrated by the cartel. The report will be released in November 2017 in Mexico and Texas.

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The Human Rights Clinic at the School of Law of the University of Texas at Austin brings together an interdisciplinary group of law and graduate students in a course that incorporates both classroom study and hands-on participation in human rights projects and cases.

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