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Mexican and U.S. Governments Agree to Collaborate to Deport Migrants Waiting in Border Towns Back to Their Home Countries

San Francisco, CA, January 25, 2023 – CARECEN SF is greatly concerned and disappointed about recent [news reports](#) of U.S. and Mexican governments collaborating on taking many actions to deter migrants from reaching the U.S./Mexico border. These inhumane measures include deporting asylum seekers who have fled their home countries and have reached border towns. Historically, these tough measures have not worked and inflict harm and injustice to migrants exercising their internationally recognized right to seek asylum in order to escape life-threatening danger.

CARECEN SF calls on the U.S. Government to implement measures that will support and help migrants exert their right to seek asylum. The U.S. government should not return individuals to the same danger they were escaping. The U.S. Government should provide adequate staffing at the Ports of Entry as well as a fair and fully staffed immigration systems, which create humane processing of migrants and provide assistance to nonprofit organizations, community groups and places of refuge who are helping migrants but don't have much funding sources.

Lariza Dugan-Cuadra, Executive Director of CARECEN SF said the following, "This is terribly disappointing news. Migrants have every right to seek asylum and the right to due process. The U.S. and Mexican governments should focus on providing solutions to help asylum seekers be processed and find safety."

Laura Sanchez, Legal Director of CARECEN SF, added the following statement, "It is unfortunate that in a country that has been built by immigrants, we are now turning our backs on them. Immigrants have made valuable contributions in this country. As a nation, we should continue to work with our immigrant community by welcoming and incorporating them into our society."



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