

Country-Specific Questions: Mexican General

QUESTION

Will the Canadian Government protest to Mexican authorities the continued imprisonment of Mexican Brigadier-General Gallardo and state its public support for the October 1996 ruling by the Inter-American Human Rights Commission that General Gallardo should be let go?

SUGGESTED REPLY

- We are following this issue with interest and concern.
- According to statements by General Gallardo and his son, the General intends to appeal his most recent military sentence to a civilian court. I understand that he has had previous charges overturned by civilian courts in the past.
- I understand that the Government of Mexico has argued that the Inter-American Commission has no jurisdiction over this case, and that in any event, its recommendations are not binding.
- As the Government of Mexico does not recognize the jurisdiction of the Inter-American Court, it does not appear that the case could be heard there.