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UNICEF Honduras voices concern over the nation's children

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) manifests to the national and international community its deepest concern over the events that are taking place in Honduras during the latest weeks. UNICEF has been following closely the development of the current political crisis, and observes that it is already significantly affecting the more than 3.5 millions Honduran children. If the current situation persists, there is a high risk of consequences even more serious for their well being and development, in the near future

UNICEF calls on all the responsible civil and military people, and on all Hondurans and foreigners, both in the country and abroad, to respect and make respect the Convention on the Rights of the Child, especially those rights related to protection of children during the present unsafe situation. The Honduran State, having ratified this treaty, has the obligation in every circumstance to protect children and to warrant the fulfillment of their rights.

It is important to remember that the existence of UNICEF itself and history of humankind in general has shown us clearly that, whenever adults get in conflict and untied violent reactions among them, children are the ones who finally pay the most expensive price for those disagreements.

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