**[Honduran Government, judge and Prosecutor´s Office treating Gustavo Castro as a criminal](http://movimientom4.org/2016/03/el-gobierno-de-honduras-la-juez-y-la-fiscalia-tratan-a-gustavo-castro-como-delincuente/&amp;quot;%20/t%20&amp;quot;_blank)**

**The Honduran Government, the judge and the Prosecutor´s Office are treating Gustavo Castro as a criminal, they are violating his rights as a witness and victim and are keeping him in a permanent state of alert, insecurity and legal vulnerability and uncertainty.**

27 days have passed during which he suffered days-long interrogations without being able to sleep, without receiving necessary medical treatment; during which he has been illegally detained, suffered attempts to be taken away from the protection of the Mexican Embassy in Honduras, coercion to testify, arrest threats, lack of clear summoning, obstacles to access the legal files of his case, suspension of his lawyer, lack of response to the appeals filed to **lift the 30-day migration alert and illegitimate restriction of movement.**

Gustavo Castro´s team of lawyers has denounced that 14 days have passed without the Honduran legal system responding to the Habeas Corpus petition, and denounced that **the migration alert against Gustavo Castro violates his human rights.** The Honduran Constitution establishes that these petitions should be resolved immediately, so this omission represents a clear abuse of power. The writ of protection that was filed for the violation of his right to freedom of movement has also been ignored. Yesterday, the request by the **Inter-American Commission on Human Rights** for Gustavo Castro to travel to Washington for a hearing scheduled for the first week of April was denied.

In addition to the statements today during a Press Conference by CEJIL, Gustavo Castro´s team of lawyers and his brother, Oscar Castro, in Honduras, we need to underline that **Gustavo Castro has been and is being exposed to a completely arbitrary and irregular judicial process,** that violates the Honduran laws themselves and the International Treaties and Conventions on Human Rights and on assistance to victims.

In light of the information published today by La Tribuna newspaper of Honduras, where they make reference to an attack against Oscar Castro Soto, who is in Honduras with his brother Gustavo Castro Soto, we want to explain that the information given by the newspaper is not accurate. **Oscar Castro Soto was not injured in any attack.**

During the Easter holidays there was an incident -which was not made public- that put Oscar Castro´s security on alert. This incident led Oscar Castro to go to the hospital for medical attention. Oscar Castro is fine. The Otros Mundos team has been paying attention to this and monitoring and giving support as necessary in this situation. He has moved to another hotel and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the Mexican Government have been asked to extend the precautionary measures for Oscar Castro. We will provide more information on this soon.

**This situation requires us to insist on warning: Gustavo Castro Soto is in danger while he stays in Honduras.**

The situation of Gustavo Castro worsens as:

**The government of Honduras ignores all international requests for Gustavo Castro to leave Honduras immediately due to the risks against his life.** The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and UN bodies have joined this request.

Moreover, the **Secretariat of Foreign Affairs of Mexico** received on March 11 a request to **implement the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty on Criminal Matters signed by both countries**, since it is the legal way for Gustavo Castro to leave Honduras. But this hasn´t been implemented so far. For this reason, the Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Mexico, Claudia Ruiz Massieu is responsible for the continuation of the ill-treatment, psychological torture and risks against the life of Gustavo Castro Soto.

We demand **Ruiz Massieu to exert the maximum level of action possible at the diplomatic sphere to bring Gustavo Castro Soto** home to Mexico and to meet with his family, who has requested and been waiting to meet with her since last week without a positive answer.

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