

"We are writing to you in regard to the safety of our family members Karen Spring and her partner Edwin Robelo Espinal (Detained in La Tolva Prison, Honduras).

As a follow up to our correspondence to you, dated January 31, 2018, there are matters you need to attend to immediately, as part of the Canadian Government's duty to follow through with their statement made on human rights issues through Global Affairs Canada. Edwin Espinal, Karen's partner of 8 years, who works with the pro-democracy movement through the Honduran Solidarity Network (HSN) and Council of Popular and Indigenous Organizations of Honduras (COPINH) was arrested and is now detained in La Tolva Prison. His human rights and right to support the pro-democracy movement in his country of Honduras have been violated.

Last week, my daughter Karen Spring visited the Canadian Embassy in Honduras. In a follow-up correspondence of February 1, 2018, Karen was informed that your office has received her specific requests from that meeting. Definite responses to her requests now rests with your office. Time is of essence to ensure Edwin's safety and immediate release from prison.

As requested by Karen and directly related to the statement on democratic rights and freedoms from Global Affairs Canada, we are requesting the following:

In regard to our family member Edwin Espinal:

- The Canadian Government speak directly to the Honduran government (not through the Protection Mechanism or UN High Commissioner) about Karen's partner Edwin Espinal's case including having him immediately released.
- Pending this above action that Edwin be transferred to another facility and his case taken out of national jurisdiction courts.
- The Canadian Government through your office make a statement about Edwin's case and the political prisoner situation in the country
- Verify the conditions and the state of his detention at La Tolva Military Prison, Honduras

In regard to our family member Karen Spring

- Visitation rights for his partner Karen Spring.
- Provide Karen with a letter that acknowledges (not necessarily endorses) the human rights work she does, in case there are concerns at the border upon a legal & legitimate entry into Honduras.

We await your reply.

Dr. Janet Spring and John Spring"