Justice Mexico Now: Trustees Annual Report April 2019 March 31st 2020

Justice Mexico Now is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (number 1177740) set up with the following charitable purposes:

TO PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS (AS SET OUT IN THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND SUBSEQUENT UNITED NATIONS CONVENTIONS AND DECLARATIONS) THROUGHOUT THE WORLD BY ALL OR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING MEANS: •

- MONITORING ABUSES OF HUMAN RIGHTS; •
- OBTAINING REDRESS FOR THE VICTIMS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSE;
- RELIEVING NEED AMONG THE VICTIMS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSE;
- RESEARCH INTO HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES;
- RAISING AWARENESS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES;
- PROMOTING PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS;
- PROMOTING RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AMONG INDIVIDUALS AND CORPORATIONS
- INTERNATIONAL ADVOCACY OF HUMAN RIGHTS
- ELIMINATING INFRINGEMENTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

IN FURTHERANCE OF THAT OBJECT BUT NOT OTHERWISE, THE TRUSTEES SHALL HAVE POWER TO ENGAGE IN HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVITY PROVIDED THAT THE TRUSTEES ARE SATISFIED THAT THE PROPOSED ACTIVITIES WILL FURTHER THE PURPOSES OF THE CHARITY TO AN EXTENT JUSTIFIED BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTED AND THE ACTIVITY IS NOT THE DOMINANT MEANS BY WHICH THE CHARITY CARRIES OUT ITS OBJECTS

The year 2019/20 was a relatively quiet year for Justice Mexico Now as it followed the election in December 2018 of an incoming government in Mexico which (at least in principle) promised to address many of the egregious human rights violations that the charity had identified in previous years. In the latter part of the year the COVID-19 crisis hit and it was already clear that Mexico would be particularly badly hit in terms of mortality and morbidity. The pandemic also affected the organisations' ability to hold public workshops and seminars and to meet policy makers and other stakeholders in person.

JMN continued to campaign for a proper and formal investigation of the kidnap and disappearance of 43 students from Ayotzinapa Teachers College in 2014 as well as the high numbers of murders of women throughout Mexico which sadly seem to have persisted under the current government. After over a year of the new Government administration it is clear that many significant human rights violations continue and that there remains a real and substantial need for the activities of JMN in researching and raising awareness of human rights issues in Mexico going forwards.

JMN participated in a number of online discussion forums and events including El Sueno Existe <u>file:///C:/Users/TEMP/Downloads/programme%20%20of%20events%202.pdf</u> and the launch of a film on the debt crisis in Latin America held by Global Justice Now <u>https://www.globaljustice.org.uk/events/fondo-screening</u>

The charity's Board of Trustees continued to meet regularly and reviewed activities and the finances of the organisation. The money comes from donations from individuals and institutions such as trades unions and the organisation has built up a small reserve of over £3000 and there was no significant expenditure on activities in 2019/20. In addition to monitoring details of human rights issues in Mexico the charity continued to publicise issues of human rights in Mexico with politicians, trades unions and other audiences throughout the UK using its website and organising a number of events both online and offline. All of JMN's activities were for the public benefit and we ensured that none of our activity was party political or outside the terms of our charitable objects.