

Excerpts from Mexico's administrative instruction regarding Child Protection Officers within the National Institute for Migration (Circular: INM/CCVM/CRII/ 00325 / 2009)

II. D.d) : In any case in which a child is a possible asylum seeker, the Consulate of the child's country of origin shall not be notified, but rather the child shall be channeled to the Mexican Commission for Assistance to Refugees.

II.D.f. i. 5: In each case, the best interest of the child will be taken into consideration in determining whether the best solution for the child is repatriation, regularization or determination of the child's status as a refugee.

II.D.h i. Children under the age of 14 will never be detained.

II. D.j. The possibility of regularizing the status of foreign children in Mexico will be considered, even in cases where the child is not a refugee or asylum-seeker, if return to the country of origin could cause harm to the child.