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**Virtual Congressional Briefing:
“U.S. Expulsions & Impacts on Migrant & Asylum Seeker Rights”**

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An increasing number of U.S. expulsion flights forcibly return families and adults arriving at the U.S. southern border to Mexico or their countries of origin without the opportunity to seek protection in the U.S. After being expelled to Haiti, Mexico, and Guatemala, migrants and individuals seeking protection face danger and political instability, health risks from exposure to COVID-19, and struggle to access the most basic services. The administration has promised to create a fair, orderly, and humane immigration system and expand access to protection in the region, yet people are being denied access to screening for protection in the U.S. and the region, and returned to harm. Speakers will discuss a series of rights violations that migrants and asylum seekers experience upon being expelled from the United States to these countries and the broader implications for U.S. foreign and immigration policy.

Moderator: Daniella Burgi-Palomino, Co-director, Latin America Working Group (LAWG)

Speakers:

- Savitri Arvey, Policy Advisor, Women’s Refugee Commission (WRC)
- Guerline Jozef, Co-Founder and Executive Director, Haitian Bridge Alliance (HBA)
- Alejandra Macias, Director, Asylum Access Mexico
- Brenda Ochoa, Director, Fray Matías de Córdova Human Rights Center, Mexico
- Stephanie Brewer, Director for Mexico and Migrant Rights, Washington Office for Latin America (WOLA)