We, the Children and Adolescents with Incarcerated Parents (Niños, Niñas, y Adolescentes con Padres Encarcelados; NNAPEs), that participated at the 3rd Plataforma NNAPEs General Assembly, as a means to improve the situation of the children and youth living in these circumstances, propose the following suggestions:

1. To organizations, both local and international, we ask that you integrate or create organizations that help NNAPEs and that do not have access to NGO programs.

2. To organize gatherings where people from the region and different countries can share their stories in order to work together in finding solutions to the situations of the NNAPEs.

3. To judges and attorneys, we ask that you thoroughly investigate the situation of the family of the NNAPEs before the adults are convicted.
We advocate with:

To the organizations working in the communities where NNAPES live, we ask that you help through education and awareness. We propose that you host discussions to educate community members about this issue, in order for the NNAPES not to be criticized and so they can live in a neighborhood that supports them and wants to help them grow.

To the Ministry of Education, we propose that you train teachers on how to help NNAPES and to not underestimate them. We ask that on the school’s admission application, you inquire if students have incarcerated family members in order to further understand the family background of the children.

To lawmakers, we ask that you clear the records of those who are incarcerated after they are released if they demonstrated good behavior while incarcerated.

To police authorities, we propose that before carrying out raids, you investigate with a team of social workers to see if there are children present at the scene, or ensure that social workers are present at the time that they take place.

To those in charge of penitentiary centers, we propose: that lines for visitors be orderly; that conjugal visits not be permitted when there are children present, or that there be days designated for visits of that nature; that visitors of inmates not be searched but that the inmates themselves be searched after the visits; and that metal detectors and X-ray machines be used in order to prevent having to revisit security procedures because an object of concern is detected.

To the authorities in charge of the welfare of children or to the Ministry of Social Development, we propose that State creates programs that psychologically and financially support the families and children of inmates.

To the Ministry of Labor, we ask that you create programs of reintegration for inmates to enter into the workforce when they are released.

We hope that you take in to account these proposals that we strongly believe in and have submitted with great effort. We have hope that you will take action and be able to improve all the lives affected by these experiences.