Mexico’s President Enrique Peña Nieto was scheduled yesterday, Oct. 29th, to meet in a closed setting with the parents of 43 students from the Ayotzinapa Teacher Training School who were kidnapped and have been missing for a month and the parents of three students who were killed.

In response to this meeting, and in solidarity with these families and Mexico’s academic community at large, the American Anthropological Association released the following statement today:

“The AAA expresses its solidarity with Mexico’s academic community, which has suffered the loss of students and colleagues to the unfortunate violent times that have developed in recent years,” said AAA President Monica Heller. “We hope for peaceful times and for the safe return of the missing 43 students from Ayotzinapa.”

The AAA urges an international response: #BringOurStudentsBackAlive

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