MEXICO Summit for democracy Written Statement

Fighting Corruption

The Mexican government will continue working preventing and eradicating corruption, given the adverse effect it has, not only on the economy of a nation but also on its democratic principles and institutions.

• National program to combat corruption

In the domestic sphere, México's efforts will follow the National Program to Combat Corruption and the Improvement of Public Administration 2019-2024,¹ focused on the following five aims:

- a) Combating the causes and effects of corruption by strengthening civil engagement and participation in the government, monitoring and accountability systems, audit processes and government accountability;
- b) Combating administrative impunity in the federal administration by directing public servants' conduct towards a public ethic which foresees prevention and accountability;
- c) Promoting efficiency and efficacy in the public administration by strengthening oversight mechanisms over administrative and finance units to assure control, vigilance and reduction of costs in public contracts and government procurement;
- d) Promoting the professionalization and efficient employment of human resources by analyzing public service integrity, and
- e) Promoting the efficient and responsible use of the goods of the Mexican State by satisfying the necessities of public institutions and relevant stakeholders, under the light of the law in an efficient, honest, responsible, and a collaborative spirit.

¹ View: https://www.gob.mx/cultura/documentos/programa-nacional-de-combate-a-la-corrupcion-y-a-la-impunidad-y-de-mejora-de-la-gestion-publica-2019-2024.

Preventing and combating illicit traffic of guns

One of Mexico's priorities this year is to continue tackling the deadly flow of illicit arms that has inflicted a massive injury to our country, since it has given place to growing levels of gun violence, suffering from civilian gun deaths and economic damages.

Cooperation with the other countries

Mexico will seek to strengthen the dialogue to foster cooperation with our neighboring countries –specially the United States of America– to develop joint strategies to prevent and combat illicit trafficking of weapons, particularly, to hold enterprises accountable for their negligent and illicit acts and omissions that actively facilitate guns trafficking into Mexico causing direct and indirect harm to our country.

• Fostering standards in the multilateral arena

In the coming year of action, Mexico commits to promoting initiatives and debate within different multilateral fora, such as the Security Council of the United Nations² and the Organization of American States, to tackle the illicit transfer and diversion of arms and the prevention of such weapons from being diverted to the illicit market, including guns business accountability for human rights violations related to their negligent and illicit acts and omissions that actively facilitate guns trafficking into Mexico.

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² See: United Nations Security Council Resolution 2616 (2021)