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Center for Binational Institutions

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Over the course of the last decades, the ties between Mexico and the United States have become more interdependent, complex, and relevant for both nations. This has increased the reliance on institutions to maintain a stable, positive, and functional relationship. Recent analysis and debate on the U.S. – Mexico relations point to the importance of strengthening and updating bilateral institutions.

Center for Binational Institutions Framework

We can think about binational institutions in four ways:

WHAT ARE BILATERAL INSTITUTIONS?

- Agreements: that establish rules that help govern the binational relationship
- Programs: specifically devoted to addressing issues of binational interest
- Mechanisms: that facilitate dialogue among actors from both sides
- Organizations: with a binational mission or scope

All of these interactions take place between governments, the private sector, and civil society.

INSTITUTIONAL MAP OF THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP

1 AGREEMENTS

We can breakdown this category into three subcategories:

Treaties

For American Treaties to enter into force, the approval of two-thirds of the Senate is required.; for Executive Agreements, the advice or consent of the Senate is not required, but the approval of the supermajority is.; and for Mexican Treaties, the approval of the Senate is required.

Inter-institutional agreements

They must be signed by government agencies without legislative intervention and be limited to their established authority.

Joint Declarations

These are public expressions of principles and intentions, primarily for communication purposes that undergo political rather than legal reviews.

2 PROGRAMS

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4 ORGANIZATIONS

These are created by agreement, with a specific staff and budget.