

## U.S. – Mexico Bicentennial Framework Action Plan 2022–2024

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### ***Institutional Context***

In October 2021, the United States and Mexico created the Bicentennial Framework for Security. Building on past security cooperation efforts, this Framework establishes a long-term approach for binational actions to pursue the safety and security of both societies. This mechanism is a joint binational effort to protect human rights, share information and best practices, prosecute those who violate the law, and regularly and transparently evaluate the impact of those efforts. The Framework comprises three goals: protecting people, preventing transborder crime, and pursuing criminal networks.

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On January 31, 2022, high-level officials from the Mexican and American governments met at the Foreign Ministry, in Mexico, to discuss and publicize the Action Plan under which the Bicentennial Framework will operate for the next three years. The Action Plan is driven by the mutual interest in security and in bringing to justice the criminal groups that illegally traffic arms and drugs in the region, threatening the safety and health of the citizens. The meeting took place in a hybrid format. Both governments presented the progress that has been made in the development of this new understanding in security, the goals and joint coordination areas that are structured in binational objectives were discussed and will finally be developed through the actions of approved cooperation<sup>1</sup>.

On behalf of the Government of Mexico, the meeting was led by Foreign Minister Marcelo Ebrard; the Secretary of Security and Citizen Protection, Rosa Icela Rodríguez; General Luis Cresencio Sandoval, Secretary of National Defense; and Admiral José Rafael Ojeda Durán, Secretary of the Navy; Esteban Moctezuma, Mexican Ambassador to the U.S.; General Luis Rodríguez Bucio, Commander of the National Guard; Félix Arturo Medina Padilla, fiscal prosecutor of the SHCP; Ricardo Mejía Berdeja, Undersecretary of Public Security of the SSPC; Roberto Velasco, Chief Officer for North America; General Audomaro Martínez Zapata, General Director of the National Intelligence Center; Miguel Angel Mendez Buenos Aires, in charge of the Legal and International Affairs Office in the FGR; Gady Zabicky Sirot, national commissioner against addictions; Alejandro Svarch, head of Cofepris; Juan de Dios Vázquez Álvarez, General Director of Customs Attention and International Affairs of ANAM; Francisco Javier Campuzano López, General Director of Interinstitutional Liaison (SSPC); Patricia Cruz, General Director of Analysis of the FIU and Armando López Cárdenas, Advisor to the Commissioner of the National Institute of Migration.

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<https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/plan-de-accion-2022-2024-del-entendimiento-bicentenario-mexico-y-estados-unidos-enfrentan-organizaciones-criminales-de-manera-conjunta?idiom=es>



On behalf of the United States Government, the meeting was led by Ken Salazar, United States Ambassador to Mexico; Uzra Zeya; Under Secretary of State for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights Affairs of the Department of State; Juan Gonzalez, Director for the Western Hemisphere of the National Security Council; Bruce Swartz, assistant to the deputy attorney general of the Department of Justice; Marcela Escobari, Assistant Administrator of the USAID Office for Latin America and the Caribbean; Serena Hoy, Under Secretary for International Affairs of the Department of Homeland Security of the United States and Todd Robinson, Under Secretary of State of the Section for Counternarcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs of the Department of State.

