

Bicentennial Framework main achievements

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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 April 27th, the Mexican delegation, led by Foreign Minister Marcelo Ebrard and the Secretary of Security and Citizen Protection, Rosa Icela Rodríguez, met at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with the United States delegation, which was led by Ambassador Ken Salazar. The meeting aimed to publicize the main results and progress under the Bicentennial Framework signed last year, as well as to launch the Mexico-United States Binational Committee to follow up on binational objectives and actions in a coordinated manner.

The Binational Committee is made up of representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Public Security and Citizen Protection, and the National Intelligence Center. Likewise, on behalf of the Government of the United States, representatives of its Embassy in Mexico, the Anti-Narcotics and Law Enforcement Office and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

Some achievements reached under the framework are the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding on Joint Activities of Cooperation in the Matter of Mental Health and Addictions; the prosecution of six high-level cases of arms traffickers in the United States responsible for providing weapons to organized crime groups in Mexico; the dismantling of laboratories dedicated to the production of fentanyl as well as the seizure of cocaine; and the

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registration of weapons in the eTrace system, a platform that allows the tracking of the history purchase of firearms used in violent crimes.