

Chief Officer for North America visit to the U.S.

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Institutional Context

The Chief Officer for North America is a public position within the Mexican Foreign Ministry. The Chief Officer is in charge of leading Mexico's foreign policy for the United States and Canada.

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On February 16, 2022, the Chief Officer for North America, Roberto Velasco, concluded his working visit to Chicago, home to one of the largest Mexican communities in the United States. Accompanied by Consul General, Reyna Torres Mendivil, the officials held meetings with local authorities, officials and elected officials, in addition to visiting the Consulate General of Mexico and the University of Chicago.

The Mexican officials also met with the Mayor of Chicago, Lori Lightfoot to discuss the impact of illegal arms trafficking and the Mexican Government's litigation on the matter, as well as the agreement in implementing social policies for the youth, in order to address the causes of violence. A meeting was also held with the Interim Director of the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunities of the State of Illinois, Silvia García, to strengthen cooperation between Mexico and Chicago. Finally, the officials held meetings with the president of the University of Illinois, Timothy Killeen, and with the director of the Katz Center for Mexican Studies, Emilio Kouri.

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