

Press Release

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Communiqué No.326.- With regard to the expressions of this morning by the President of the United States of America on various issues of the bilateral relationship, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico communicates the following:

Regarding this morning's expressions by the President of the United States of America on various issues of the bilateral relationship, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico reports the following:

1. As the government of Mexico has always maintained, our country will not pay, under any circumstances for a wall or physical barrier built on US territory along the Mexican border. This determination is not part of a Mexican negotiating strategy, but a principle of national sovereignty and dignity.
2. With regard to the violence generated in Mexico by the illicit traffic in drugs, arms and money between our countries, we reiterate that it is a shared problem that will only end if its root causes are addressed: the high demand for drugs in the United States and the supply from Mexico (and other countries). International criminal organizations have killed thousands of Mexicans, including members of the Armed Forces and police, and thousands of Americans. Only on the basis of the principles of shared responsibility, teamwork and mutual trust can we overcome this challenge.
3. Mexico's position at the renegotiation table of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) will continue to be serious and constructive, always putting national interest ahead and seeking a result in which the three North American countries win.
4. Mexico will not negotiate NAFTA, nor any other aspect of the bilateral relationship, through social networks or the media.

The government of Mexico takes this opportunity to express its full solidarity with the people and government of the United States for the damages caused by Hurricane Harvey in Texas and reports that we have offered the US government all the help and cooperation that can be provided by the different Mexican governmental agencies to deal with the impacts of this natural disaster, as good neighbors should always do in times of difficulty.

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