



We, **Iratxe GARCÍA-PÉREZ**, on behalf of the **Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament**, and **Ricardo MONREAL ÁVILA**, on behalf of the **National Regeneration Movement Parliamentary Group in the Senate of the United Mexican States**, hereby declare that we are committed to strengthening our cooperation through intensified contacts and exchanges with a view to promoting and supporting in our respective parliaments and societies the values and policies we share concerning democracy, human rights, social justice and progress.

1. Both parties agree to strengthen cooperation with the aim of:

- a. Improving knowledge and advancing better understanding of the respective structures and policies of each organisation;
- b. Developing a frank and open discussion about the political situation and challenges in Mexico on the one hand, and in the European Union on the other;
- c. Promoting, and advocating for, social democratic values and progressive policies in their respective parliaments;
- d. Sharing information and best practices and consulting each other on policy-making, in particular on issues of political, social and economic relevance to the relations between Mexico and the European Union;
- e. Promoting the finalisation of the modernised EU-Mexico Global Agreement and its ratification and implementation with a particular focus on the parliamentary dimension thereof;

2. Both parties agree to achieve the aims outlined in this memorandum by:

- a. Holding regular meetings between the Leadership of the Progressive Alliance of Socialist and Democrats in the European Parliament and the Leadership of the National Regeneration Movement in the General Congress of the United Mexican States;
- b. Establishing a direct and regular contact at the administration level from both sides including the institution of exchange programs where deemed appropriate;

- c. Organising visits to the European Parliament by the Leadership and Members of the National Regeneration Movement in the General Congress of the United Mexican States and to Mexico by the Leadership and Members of the Progressive Alliance of Socialist and Democrats;
- d. Coordinating political actions and convening bilateral meetings at Leadership level, including S&D European Commissioners and, in cooperation with the Party of European Socialists, at the level of Ministers and Heads of State and Government, in the European Union and in Mexico in the context of:
 - i. The EU-Mexico Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC), the inter-parliamentary forum created jointly by the European Parliament and the Mexican Congress in 2005;
 - ii. The Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly, the multilateral parliamentary forum composed of Members from the European Parliament and Latin American regional parliaments, including the Parlatino (Latin American Parliament), the Parlandino (Andean Parliament), the Parlacen (Central American Parliament), the Parlasur (Mercosur Parliament) and the Congresses of Mexico and Chile;
 - iii. The EU-Mexico Ministerial Meetings and Summits;
 - iv. The EU-CELAC Ministerial Meetings and Summits.
- e. Holding regular seminars and discussion meetings or other activities both in the European Parliament and in the General Congress on topics of mutual concern including the participation of representatives of relevant parliamentary committees and in the context of the Global Progressive Forum and its initiatives with a particular focus on the social agenda, gender equality and violence against women, environment and climate change, foreign affairs, right-wing populism and hate speech;
- f. Fostering the establishment of contact and cooperation with local administration, foundations and academia, trade unions, civil society and the media in Mexico for the Progressive Alliance of Socialist and Democrats in the European Parliament, and for the General Congress with their respective counterparts in the EU including, inter alia, the Party of European Socialists, the EU institutions and their officials, the Socialist Group in the Committee of the Regions and the Foundation for European Progressive Studies and its national member foundations;
- g. Promoting in the European Parliament motions, resolutions and declarations by the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialist and Democrats supporting the strengthening of the relations between EU and Mexico.

3. We agree that this memorandum of cooperation will come into effect on the date of signature and will last until the 2024 elections of the European Parliament whereupon new directions for the future cooperation between our organisations will be defined.

Done at Mexico City on 26th February 2020

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