

**JOINT DECLARATION OF THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICAN  
DELEGATIONS**

**Mexico City, October 30, 1909**

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In accordance with the agreement signed at Washington, District of Columbia, on October 10, 1969, representatives of the Governments of the United States of America and Mexico met in Mexico City on October 27, 28 and 29, 1969, for bilateral talks on the control of the illicit traffic in narcotics, marihuana and other dangerous drugs.

At this meeting, the two delegations reaffirmed the joint communique issued at Mexico City on June 11, 1969, as well as the commitments entered into by both Governments in the agreement signed in Washington, D.C. on October 10, 1969, in which, by mutual agreement, Operation Intercept was superseded by Operation Cooperation. The United States noted that as a result of the measures taken in pursuance of its commitment, delays, irritations and inconveniences at the border and at other ports of entry had been reduced to virtually pre-Operation Intercept levels.

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The talks were based on the agenda which emanated from the agreement signed at the above-mentioned Washington meeting. The United States delegation presented to the delegation of Mexico for its consideration working materials relating to the various items of the agenda.

The two delegations decided to establish a joint working group to examine these materials and those which will be presented by the Mexican delegation in detail with a view to identifying possible bases for agreement between the two Governments and to report their findings to the two Governments. It was agreed that the working group would submit a progress report by December 15, and further reports from time to time, with the understanding that such reports would only be recommendations to the respective Governments.

The delegation of Mexico emphasized that, in accordance with Mexican national policy and the provisions of the Mexican Constitution, its Government's efforts to continue intensifying the fight against the illegal traffic of

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narcotics would continue to be carried out exclusively by Mexican personnel under Mexican direction. The United States expressed its complete understanding of this position.

The two delegations expressed their satisfaction at the spirit of mutual friendship and understanding which characterized the meeting and reiterated their determination to maintain relations between them at the highest levels of friendship, understanding and respect for the dignity and sovereignty of their respective countries.

Mexico City, October 30, 1969.

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