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Here are some clips from the Mexican press since the meeting and signings. Again, pasted below and attached are English summaries only. The second attachment includes the copy from the Spanish-language articles.

Chris

### **EU y México compartirán información de viajeros**

El Universal

3/23/10

[http://www.eluniversal.com.mx/notas/vi\\_668038.html](http://www.eluniversal.com.mx/notas/vi_668038.html)

**Summary:** The Mexican and U.S. governments signed a pair of agreements today that will enable the identification of passengers that try to fly to the U.S. using false travel documents, possible criminals and other high-risk travelers that might compromise the security of the people. The other agreement is a Memorandum of Cooperation on the processing and sharing of information on repatriated Mexican nationals. Quotes Interior Minister Gomez-Mont's press release, which discusses the importance of bilateral cooperation.

### **Firman México y EU acuerdos sobre seguridad**

La Cronica de Hoy

3/23/2010

[http://www.cronica.com.mx/nota.php?id\\_notas=496230](http://www.cronica.com.mx/nota.php?id_notas=496230)

**Summary:** The Mexican Secretaries of the Interior and Public Security, and the U.S. DHS Secretary signed cooperative agreements to develop coordinated actions on security and immigration procedures. Quotes Gomez-Mont detailing the agreements.

### **Clinton y Gates discuten estrategias contra el narcotráfico en México**

AFP

3/23/10

<http://www.elnuevodiario.com.ni/internacionales/70885>

**Summary:** Secretaries of State and Defense met with the Mexican government to study the war on drug traffickers 10 days after the assassinations of consulate workers. The U.S. delegation taking place today also includes DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano and a number of intelligence officials.

DHS Secretary Napolitano, during the flight that carried part of the delegation to Mexico,

defended the Calderon strategy, just a few days after having criticized the mobilization of the military to fight the cartels. In spite of this, she specified that the military force must be complimented by “civil security forces and the traditional framework” of the legal system. She said that the U.S. wants to share experiences like those of NYC and Los Angeles, where public policies have achieved substantially lower levels of violence, with violent places like Juarez.

Quotes Clinton saying “this is one of the most formidable teams brought to any meeting outside the U.S. during this administration” which underscores “the priority” that President Obama has given to “our relationship with Mexico.” Clinton also stressed the importance of the Merida Initiative, saying “it’s helping us build an even closer relationship to improve the security of our citizens and advance our common agenda.”

Also mentions Obama’s phone call yesterday to Calderon.

### **Delegación de EEUU encabezada por Clinton habla sobre narcotráfico en México**

AFP

3/23/10

[http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5jeMEWmDi2S6LeA6utzE\\_UxOMP4g](http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5jeMEWmDi2S6LeA6utzE_UxOMP4g)

**Summary:** A delegation headed by Clinton began Tuesday with high-level discussions in Mexico to demonstrate Washington’s “firm commitment” in the struggle against growing violence from the drug trade. Mentions the participants and the context of the violence.

Quotes Napolitano: “Rarely do you see this type of meetings with this broad level of participation from both sides” in order to signal that her government seeks to “continue to promote what we believe is a strong relationship with the government of Felipe Calderon.” Also says Napolitano defended Calderon’s strategy of using the military but said it should be complemented by “civil security forces and the traditional framework” of the legal system.

### **Ofrecen informe sobre avances de Plan Mérida**

El Universal (Notimex newswire)

3/23/10

[http://www.eluniversal.com.mx/notas/vi\\_668012.html](http://www.eluniversal.com.mx/notas/vi_668012.html)

**Summary:** As part of the high-level meeting on the Merida Initiative, U.S. and Mexican officials gave an up-to-date report of achievements from both countries.

Article includes Mexico’s drug seizure figures between December 2006 and March 2010, U.S. figures on arrests of La Familia Michoacana gang members, CBP’s inclusion of 38 individuals and 12 businesses with ties to Mexican drug trafficking in the designated drugtraffickers list from October 2009 to present, Mexico’s training of government officials and police officers by U.S. officials, correctional officers and judges, and CBP’s training of drug-sniffing dogs. Also lists the four pillars of the Merida Initiative.

### **México y EU delinear estrategia conjunta**

El Universal

3/23/10

[http://www.eluniversal.com.mx/notas/vi\\_668030.html](http://www.eluniversal.com.mx/notas/vi_668030.html)

**Summary:** At a press conference, the Mexican Foreign Affairs Minister Patricia Espinosa, together with Secretary Clinton, stressed the good relationship the two countries have maintained. Espinosa noted that the flow of arms and money has contributed to violence in

Mexico.

She also noted that in the second meeting on the Merida Initiative, the two governments had established four areas to confront transnational organized crime: breaking up delinquent organizations, mutual support to strengthen institutions in both countries, the development of a secure and competitive border, and the strengthening of social unity between both countries.

Espinosa announced that Mexico had requested U.S. support with inspection equipment at weak entry points and confirmed the need for bilateral policies to combat organized crime.

### **EE.UU. y México reafirman responsabilidad compartida para derrotar el crimen**

EFE

3/23/10

[http://www.google.com/hostednews/epa/article/ALeqM5jUV4z6Mgr-rYlrHYW2z\\_lu\\_jZzw](http://www.google.com/hostednews/epa/article/ALeqM5jUV4z6Mgr-rYlrHYW2z_lu_jZzw)

**Summary:** Quotes Clinton and Espinosa from the press conference.

### **México y EEUU acuerdan emprender una 'nueva etapa' en la lucha contra el crimen**

El Mundo (DPA)

3/23/2010

<http://www.elmundo.es/america/2010/03/23/mexico/1269382117.html>

**Summary:** Mexico and U.S. announce new phase in the fight against the drug trade, beyond a security focus to include social development and the strengthening of institutions. Quotes Espinosa and Clinton from the press conference and outlines the new plan.

### **México y EU firman declaración contra crimen**

El Universal

3/23/10

[http://www.eluniversal.com.mx/notas/vi\\_668055.html](http://www.eluniversal.com.mx/notas/vi_668055.html)

**Summary:** Quotes Clinton from the press conference. Quotes Espinosa giving an outline of the plan.

### **Definen México y Estados Unidos estrategia contra el narco**

El Informador

3/23/10

<http://www.informador.com.mx/mexico/2010/188055/6/definen-mexico-y-estados-unidos-estrategia-contra-el-narco.htm>

**Summary:** Same quotes from Espinosa at the press conference announcing details of the new strategy. Quotes Clinton saying the U.S. accepts responsibility for the role that arms and demand play in Mexico's cartel violence.

### **México y EEUU acuerdan nuevos enfoques en cooperación antidrogas**

Diario de Yucatan

3/23/10

[http://www.yucatan.com.mx/noticia.asp?cx=9S0924000000\\$4269068&f=20100323](http://www.yucatan.com.mx/noticia.asp?cx=9S0924000000$4269068&f=20100323)

**Summary:** Mexico and the U.S. agreed to start a new phase of anti-drug cooperation that includes social and economic aspects, in the midst of a wave of drug violence. Same quotes from Clinton accepting responsibility for the role that arms and demand play in Mexico's cartel violence.

### **Exhortan a México y EE.UU. a replantear la estrategia de seguridad**

Diario de Yucatan

3/23/10

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**Summary:** Quotes Mexican politicians from the PRI and PRD saying in interviews that the U.S. and Mexico have to redesign the strategy of combating organized crime.

### **Hillary Clinton arribó a México**

Univision.com

3/23/10

[http://www.univision.com/content/content.jhtml?](http://www.univision.com/content/content.jhtml?chid=3&schid=12199&secid=0&cid=2331679#)

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**Summary:** Notes the arrival of Secretary Clinton, head of the U.S. delegation that came to meet with Mexican leaders on the Merida Initiative. Uses similar Clinton quotes from the AFP article. Quotes Calderon on the importance of bilateral cooperation. Quotes Mexican members of Congress who say the program falls short. Also, includes budget numbers for the program.

### **Arranca reunión México-EE.UU que revisará estrategia contra crimen organizado**

EFE

3/23/10

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/epa/article/ALeqM5jxyx0a5YMre97gLFnuKb6UqFKCIA>

**Summary:** The second high-level meeting between the U.S. and Mexico gets started today in Mexico City with the goal of closer cooperation between both countries on matters of security and reviewing the joint strategy to combat organized crime. Mentions the leaders from both countries who participated and the four pillars of the initiative,

### **Llega gabinete de Seguridad de EU a la cancillería mexicana**

La Cronica de Hoy (Notimex newswire)

3/23/10

[http://www.cronica.com.mx/nota.php?id\\_nota=496188](http://www.cronica.com.mx/nota.php?id_nota=496188)

**Summary:** Previews the meeting with details on the heightened security in advance of the visit, the delegation's motorcade, who participated and the subject matter.

### **Clinton viaja a México para tomar cartas en la lucha contra el narco**

ABC.es

3/23/10

<http://www.abc.es/20100323/internacional-iberoamerica/clinton-viaja-mexico-para-201003232038.html>

**Summary:** Previews the visit of the U.S. delegation in the context of recent violence.

### **EEUU DEBE ASUMIR REPOSABILIDAD CONTRA LA DROGA, MEXICO**

ANSA

3/23/10

<http://www.ansa.it/ansalatina/notizie/notiziari/mexico/20100323194035050462.html>

**Summary:** Quotes Mexican politicians – Calderon supporters and opponents – saying that the U.S. must “fully assume” its responsibility in combating the drug trade, including reducing the flow of arms and demand for drugs.

**Parte comitiva de EU de hangares del AICM**

La Cronica de Hoy

3/23/10

[http://www.cronica.com.mx/nota.php?id\\_notas=496182](http://www.cronica.com.mx/nota.php?id_notas=496182)

**Summary:** Discusses the arrival of part of the U.S. delegation at the Mexico City airport and details of the motorcade vehicles.