

## U.S. Department of Homeland Security – Secretariat of Government of Mexico

### FACT SHEET

Building on the U.S-Mexico Joint Statement on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Border Management and the principles of co-responsibility for and co-management of our shared border, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Secretariat of Government of Mexico (SEGOB) established a bilateral process to identify joint priorities for collaborative action managed by an Executive Leadership Group.

The Executive Leadership Group met most recently on November 3, 2016 to discuss ongoing efforts. The Executive Leadership Group also noted significant accomplishments, which include:

- Establishing the **Joint Security Program** at Benito Juarez International Airport to facilitate information exchange and enhance air passenger security.
- Creating the **Repatriation Strategy and Policy Executive Coordination Team (RESPECT)** to analyze, evaluate, and develop binational policies aimed at improving the repatriation process of Mexican nationals.
- Developing, revising, and implementing the **Local Repatriation Arrangements (LRA)** and the **Interior Repatriation Initiative (IRI)** to facilitate the safe, humane, and orderly repatriation of Mexican nationals along the U.S.-Mexico Border and to the interior of Mexico.
- Enhancing collaboration on emergency management and disaster response.
- Developing ongoing regional and border-wide **joint assessments** of the shared border region.
- Launching the **Cross Border Coordination Initiative** to coordinate deployments and engagement between the U.S. Border Patrol and Mexico's Federal Police to combat crimes occurring in our shared border region.
- Strengthening trusted traveler programs and further encouraging business and tourism travel by opening **Global Entry** to applications by Mexican nationals and **Viajero Confiable** to applications from U.S. citizen members of Global Entry.
- Establishing the **Criminal History Information Sharing (CHIS)** initiative whereby DHS shares certain criminal history information on Mexican nationals repatriated to Mexico.

Building on these accomplishments, DHS and SEGOB continue to work together including in the following areas:

- Enhancing cooperation to address illicit migration flows through the region, including coordinated engagement with regional partners to deter illicit migration and ensure vulnerable migrants have access to appropriate humanitarian protections.
- Further developing the Criminal History Information Sharing (CHIS) initiative.
- Increasing engagement to address the threats and opportunities in cyber security and cybercrime.
- Supporting the commitments of the North American Leaders Summit to facilitate legitimate travel and promote regional security through such efforts as the development of the North American Trusted Traveler framework.
- Expanding cooperation in air passenger security and facilitation through discussions regarding Air Preclearance operations at the New Mexico City International Airport, in line with the priorities identified by DHS in the 2016 Preclearance Expansion period.

This work is reflected in the goals of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Border Management Initiative, the North American Leaders Summit, and other forums working to promote regional security and prosperity. DHS and SEGOB continue to work on a daily basis to further secure our shared border and enhance the safety, security, and economic competitiveness of North America.