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INDEX USA reaffirms commitment to strengthen the export manufacturing sector and boost Mexico's competitiveness.

A few days ago, the United States Department of Commerce announced that Mexico and the United States remain top trading partners with an exchange of \$67.084 billion, with exports (Mexico to the USA) amounting to \$39.874 billion and imports to \$27.210 billion, generating profits of \$12.7 billion for our country.

Amid a key context from the relocation of supply chains (nearshoring), the bilateral relationship has become a priority for Mexico. Within this framework, the National Council of the Maquiladora and Export Manufacturing Industry (INDEX) aims, through its office in Washington, D.C., to strengthen competitiveness, consolidate the region's manufacturing sector, and build strong regional supply chains in North America.

INDEX USA has built a working relationship with key actors in facilitating bilateral trade, such as the embassies of both countries, State Departments, border congressmen, directors of the National Security Council, US Chamber of Commerce, NAM, Border Trade Alliance, Texas Business Association, and others, to promote the modernization of border crossings, expand cooperation and bilateral information exchange, and address other trade challenges.

A partnership was also established with the World Bank to identify opportunities to strengthen supply chains, promote INDEX's participation in the CEO DIALOGUE pilot projects to strengthen supply chains in electric vehicles and medical equipment, and facilitate financing instruments for members through a partnership with the International Finance Corporation of the World Bank.

In the labor field, INDEX USA participated in a trilateral initiative with the George W. Bush Institute, NASCO, and the Canada West Foundation to develop recommendations for the USMCA Competitiveness Committee to promote labor certifications. Therefore, work will continue in the Competitiveness Committee, focusing on North American labor recommendations and certifications, strengthening the relationship, and identifying new synergies with the George W. Bush Institute, and advancing the implementation of Universidad INDEX and positioning it in the USA.

The National Council INDEX office in Washington, D.C., has achieved inclusion in binational and trilateral business dialogues with decision-makers and allies in the United States on strategic issues for manufacturing, offering a privileged opportunity to push the INDEX agenda.

From its office in the US capital, INDEX USA has aimed to build strong regional supply chains in North America to ensure key sources of inputs and essential materials are always available, unleash the potential of Mexico's private sector, representing a great opportunity to capitalize on our country's and the region's strengths to face current international disruptions, attract significant investments, and generate jobs.

The work of the National Council INDEX with our northern neighbor shows that the Mexican private sector is committed to boosting and energizing the commercial relationship with them, leveraging existing international platforms and instruments.