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## **Cyberattacks and Artificial Intelligence highlighted at the International Cooperation Forum on Cybersecurity INDEX 2024**

Today, the International Cooperation Forum on Cybersecurity INDEX 2024 took place, where companies, federal agencies, and specialists gathered to raise awareness among society and the membership of the National Council INDEX about the relevance of cybersecurity, promote data protection, generate cooperation mechanisms among North American countries, and promote the creation of an Industrial Cybersecurity Center at INDEX (CCI).

During the event, experts were questioned about the new challenges faced today, as Mexico is the fourth most attacked country in the Americas, after the United States, Canada, and Brazil. In this regard, the importance of holding such events and forming alliances was mentioned, emphasizing the need for different perspectives to address these new challenges.

Among the most prominent topics during this international forum were digitalization, security mechanisms as the best way to address these new threats, and Artificial Intelligence, which is currently considered a real threat in international spheres. However, a call was made to view AI as an area of opportunity, to have a stronger workforce that can capitalize on the nearshoring trend and boost the economy.

During his participation, Humberto Martínez, president of INDEX Nacional, highlighted the importance of security for the IMMEX programs and the millions of direct jobs they generate, as more than 60% of employees registered with the Mexican Social Security Institute (IMSS) have some direct or indirect relationship with the export manufacturing industry.

He assured that nearshoring and cybersecurity are challenges for all entrepreneurs and the federal government and spoke about the restructuring and optimization of procedures for the improvement of the USMCA in 2025.

Agustín Tiburcio, director of the Information Technology Committee at INDEX Nacional, emphasized that the primary objective of this event is to bring together the most important actors in the global cybersecurity ecosystem and continue the fundamental task of promoting culture in this field, which is strategic and essential for the industry and society in general.

"Cybersecurity is everyone's responsibility, and for this reason, we need to create effective and efficient cooperation mechanisms in this field as a team," he concluded.