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**National Council INDEX congratulates Claudia Sheinbaum, virtual winner of the presidency of Mexico**

The National Council of the Maquiladora and Export Manufacturing Industry (INDEX) extends hearty congratulations to Dr. Claudia Sheinbaum Pardo for her victory in the 2024 electoral process, achieving the historic designation as the first female president of Mexico.

In the industrial and business sector of our country, we reaffirm our commitment to the upcoming administration she will lead and reiterate the importance of the export manufacturing sector in the national economy, its contribution to GDP growth, and the creation of more than 9 million direct and indirect jobs.

Since the beginning of the year, INDEX Nacional, through its president, Humberto Martínez Cantú, and its general director, Carlos Palencia, held meetings with Altagracia Gómez, Juan Ramón de la Fuente, Omar García Harfuch, and Arturo Zaldívar, members of the then-candidate's team. They discussed important industry topics such as regulations, road safety, regulatory guidelines for the operation of IMMEX, the export promotion program, and participation in the review and analysis of the USMCA.

Particularly about transportation insecurity, it was noted that there is a significant social, public image, and economic impact as it would negatively affect exports (agroindustry and manufacturing) and imports. We consider of great importance the message that can be received by foreign investors and businessmen considering Mexico as a relocation option, or for companies already established about their decisions to expand or bring more production processes.

Committed to the country's economic development, the National Council INDEX reiterates our willingness to work jointly with the next President, the Legislative and Judicial Powers, as well as with federal, state, and municipal authorities, opening dialogue to continue generating investments and creating jobs for millions of Mexican families.

In this important sector, we seek greater alignment in our programs to develop more industries and thus attract even more companies thanks to nearshoring.

The maquiladora and export manufacturing industry will be a great ally of the Mexican government for development in the states and municipalities where it has a presence.