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## Index Reaffirms Its Commitment to Strengthen Mexico-U.S. Relations

The National Council of the Export Manufacturing Industry (index) extends its gratitude to the American people and to over 36 million Mexican nationals residing in the United States—many of whom are eligible voters—for their remarkable participation in the recent elections on November 5, which resulted in the victory of Republican candidate Donald Trump.

Index has built a strong, collaborative relationship with the United States, fostering connections between companies and workers in both countries. This partnership has helped establish Mexico as the United States' top trading partner and a key hub for investment, driven by shifts in supply chains.

Looking ahead, we are set to participate in the review of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) through the "Cuarto de Junto" team in 2025 and 2026. With over 50 years of industry expertise, we aim to contribute insights that will support improvements benefiting Mexico.

The export manufacturing industry provides a strategic advantage, offering high-quality fabrication, assembly, and manufacturing of products covered by the USMCA. This strengthens the "Made in Mexico" brand, supports the national economy, and helps North America remain one of the most dynamic regions globally.

Our sector, led by IMMEX companies within the 18 index associations, is responsible for over 60% of Mexico's exports and generates more than 9 million direct and indirect jobs.

Through our office in Washington, D.C., we work to enhance the competitiveness and integration of the North American manufacturing sector. We collaborate with key figures in the U.S. and Mexico, including embassies, State Departments, border representatives, the National Security Council, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, NAM, Border Trade Alliance, Texas Business Association, and others. Together, we aim to modernize border crossings, enhance cooperation, facilitate bilateral trade, and promote information exchange.

We have also championed involvement in initiatives like the CEO DIALOGUE, which strengthens supply chains for electric vehicles and medical equipment and provides financing tools for members through partnerships with the International Finance Corporation of the World Bank.

In labor matters, Index USA has joined a trilateral initiative with the George W. Bush Institute, NASCO, and Canada West Foundation to develop recommendations for the USMCA Competitiveness Committee to advance labor certifications. Our ongoing work with the Competitiveness Committee is focused on supporting labor certifications in North America, strengthening our collaboration with the George W. Bush Institute, and furthering the development of Index University to broaden its presence in the U.S.



We are confident that the incoming U.S. president, alongside Mexico's current president, Claudia Sheinbaum, and her team, will build a close and collaborative relationship to further enhance the prosperity and potential of our region.

At the National Council of Index, we reaffirm our commitment and expertise. This vital industry remains ready to sustain and expand economic and trade ties with our northern neighbor, demonstrating the Mexican private sector's dedication to energizing the bilateral relationship and maximizing opportunities through international platforms and resources.