Supplementary Agreement between the United States and Mexico

In reference to the Joint Declaration of the Governments of the United States and Mexico of June 7, 2019, the parties further agree to the following measures to address the current situation at the southern border of the United States.

The United States and Mexico will immediately begin discussions to establish definitive terms for a binding bilateral agreement to further address burden-sharing and the assignment of responsibility for processing refugee status claims of migrants.

At a minimum, such agreement would include, consistent with each party's domestic and international legal obligations, a commitment under which each party would accept the return, and process refugee status claims, of third-party nationals who have crossed that party's territory to arrive at a port of entry or between ports of entry of the other party. The parties further intend for such an agreement to be part of a regional approach to burden-sharing in relation to the processing of refugee status claims of migrants.

Mexico also commits to immediately begin examining domestic laws and regulations with a view to identifying any changes that may be necessary to bring into force and implement such an agreement.

If the United States determines, at its discretion and after consultation with Mexico, after 45 calendar days from the date of the issuance of the Joint Declaration, that the measures adopted by the Government of Mexico pursuant to the Joint Declaration have not sufficiently achieved results in addressing the flow of migrants to the southern border of the United States, the Government of Mexico will take all necessary steps under domestic law to bring the agreement into force with a view to ensuring that the agreement will enter into force within 45 days.

Signed on this 7th of June, 2019 in Washington, D.C. by:

On behalf of the United States

On behalf of Mexico