

Open Letter to President Claudia Sheinbaum

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Dear President Sheinbaum,

Few countries are judged as unfairly as Mexico.

Many people abroad hear the word "Mexico" and immediately think of drug cartels, violence, and illegal migration.

Yet that image tells only part of the story.

Mexico is also a country of ancient civilizations, world-class universities, vibrant cities, manufacturing excellence, entrepreneurship, culture, and extraordinary resilience.

It is one of the world's largest economies and one of the most important partners of the United States.

In many ways, Mexico is far stronger than its reputation.

You assumed the presidency at a moment of both opportunity and challenge.

Mexico is benefiting from major shifts in global supply chains.

Many companies are relocating production closer to North America.

This trend has the potential to create jobs, investment, and long-term growth for millions of Mexicans.

Opportunities of this scale do not appear often.

Your government has continued to emphasize social programs, public investment, and support for ordinary citizens.

Many people appreciate efforts to reduce poverty and expand opportunities for those who have historically been left behind.

At the same time, Mexico continues to face a problem that overshadows many other achievements.

Security.

For decades, presidents have promised to reduce violence.

For decades, millions of Mexicans have continued to live with fear, extortion, organized crime, and insecurity.

The courage of ordinary citizens is remarkable.

The persistence of the problem is frustrating.

No country can fully realize its potential while large parts of its population remain concerned about safety.

Corruption remains another challenge.

Although progress has been made in some areas, public trust is strengthened not by promises but by visible accountability and effective institutions.

There is also the question of economic ambition.

Mexico has advantages that many nations would envy:

a large workforce,

strategic geography,

access to major markets,

industrial capability,

and abundant natural resources.

The challenge is transforming those advantages into sustained prosperity.

Too often, Mexico seems like a country that could be one of the world's great success stories but remains slightly below the level its potential suggests.

What I would like to see from your presidency is a Mexico that becomes known not for its problems but for its achievements.

A Mexico that exports technology as confidently as it exports manufactured goods.

A Mexico that attracts talent rather than losing it.

A Mexico where young people see opportunity not only abroad, but at home.

The future of Mexico should not be limited by geography, history, or stereotypes.

It should be defined by the ambitions of its people.

My overall assessment:

4 out of 5.

Mexico possesses enormous strengths and significant opportunities. Your government has inherited difficult challenges, particularly regarding security and institutional trust. Progress has been made in several areas, but the ultimate measure of success will be whether Mexico can finally translate its immense potential into a safer and more prosperous future for all citizens.

Respectfully,

A Citizen of the World

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