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## **United States and Mexico Annex Education Memorandum**

Mexico City, November 20, 2012 – US Ambassador Anthony Wayne witnessed today as Mexican Secretary of Education Jose Angel Córdova signed an agreement showing a firm commitment from both countries to enhance educational opportunities for young scholars from both countries.

This marked the first time that the U.S. and Mexican governments formally agree to advance the goals of the “100,000 Strong in the Americas” initiative. This program, announced by President Obama, aims to increase student exchanges throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Mexico plays a leading role in this effort.

“The flow of students between Mexico and the United States has fostered economic prosperity between our two countries. It will continue to be a key area for improvement as we work together to further expand our economies and our mutual prosperity. There is no more important investment than the investment we make in our young people,” said Ambassador Wayne.

The memorandum will make it easier for students who come or return to study in Mexico by easing the Mexican requirement for obtaining an authenticating seal for official transcripts from the United States.

Secretary Córdova agreed that the agreement will greatly benefit students on both sides of the border, noting that with the signing of this document “both governments reiterate the importance of education in our bilateral agenda; and we underscore that the development of human resources is fundamental for the progress and well-being of both our countries and, above all, we reiterate our commitment with migrant families in Mexico and in the United States.”

The U.S. and Mexican governments collaborate on educational initiatives that touch the lives of thousands of young people, promoting people-to-people interaction between the nations’ future leaders and innovators.

Ambassador Wayne took the opportunity to thank Secretary of Education Córdova and President Calderón’s administration for its outstanding collaboration in education.

Specifically, he mentioned the important contribution of the Secretariat of Education (SEP) and its commitment to support teachers and advisors through the SEED program to train teachers in indigenous communities; the Fulbright-García Robles scholarships, co-funded with the Secretariat of Foreign Affairs; and

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Jóvenes en Acción, which fosters community service by high school students and is funded by private and public sources. "These programs are the cornerstones that will help us expand opportunities to engage U.S. and Mexican scholars with the new administration," he said.



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