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## **Joint Statement of the Mexico – European Union Summit 2026**

**22 May 2026**

We, the leaders of the United Mexican States and the European Union, met in Mexico City, Mexico, on 22 May 2026 for the 8th Mexico – European Union Summit and concluded the following:

1. This Summit marks a new chapter in our strategic partnership, characterised by a renewed spirit of cooperation and a shared vision for the future. At a time marked by increasing turbulence and profound transformations, we have chosen to expand, deepen and update the bonds of our Strategic Partnership, drawing on our shared history, values and commitment to multilateralism and the rules-based international order.

2. We welcome the signature of the Political, Economic and Cooperation Strategic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and its member states, from one part, and the United Mexican States, from the other (Modernised Global Agreement), together with the Interim Trade Agreement between the United Mexican States and the European Union (ITA). Building on more than 25 years of a mature, productive and deeply integrated economic relationship, this modernisation will further strengthen political dialogue, cooperation, and flows of trade, investment, science, technology and innovation, while supporting industrial complementarities between Mexico and the European Union and enhancing economic security. It will also support the development of more resilient, sustainable, and high value-added supply chains, while enhancing cooperation across a broad range of strategic areas. We also underline our firm resolve to strengthen and develop further open fair and rules-based international trade with a reformed World Trade Organization at its core.

3. We recognise the robust economic relationship developed between us since 2000, when the Economic Partnership Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement between the United Mexican States, from one part, and the European Community and its member states, from the other (Global Agreement) entered into force. We underscore its political and economic benefits, noting that, over the past 25 years, bilateral trade has quadrupled.

4. Building on these achievements, we have developed a multidimensional and fruitful cooperation agenda to address common challenges of the twenty-first century, ranging from scientific and technological progress to the reduction of social inequality.

5. We underline the importance of the strategic relationship between Latin America and the Caribbean and the European Union in all its dimensions. We recall in this context, the IV Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) – European Union Summit, of 9 November 2025, which reaffirmed our shared commitment to a renewed, balanced and mutually beneficial regional partnership.

6. We welcome the advancement of the European Union – Latin America and the Caribbean Global Gateway Investment Agenda in Mexico, aimed at mobilising a broad range of resources – including public and private investments, technology, science and innovation – through a range of concrete projects of mutual interest. Our cooperation focuses on strategic sectors such as sustainable infrastructure and transport including ports and railways, green and digital maritime corridors, energy transition, health, education and research, digital and circular economy and are aligned with Plan Mexico in support of decarbonisation, and job creation. We welcome Mexico's accession to the Enterprise Europe Network as an international partner.

7. We are united in the view that international cooperation – based on international law, shared values, compatible interests, and open economies – remains the best way to strengthen our common security and prosperity. We reaffirm our shared commitment to effective multilateralism, with the United Nations at its core, including through advancing the renewed agenda on financing for development of the “Compromiso de Sevilla”. We are committed to promoting the reform of the international financial architecture to make it more inclusive, representative and development-oriented, and by strengthening domestic resource mobilisation and international tax cooperation. We will work together to strengthen the United Nations, including through the UN80 reform initiative, to deliver a more effective, cost-efficient, and responsive organisation. We commit to advance the European Union – Mexico partnership in multilateral fora across shared priorities. We are committed to promoting the Franco-Mexican initiative to regulate the use of the veto in case of mass atrocities.

8. We express our concern over the growing geopolitical tensions in different regions of the world. We reaffirm the importance of, and our firm commitment to the purposes, rules and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and to international law, including the sovereignty of States, territorial integrity and self-determination. We underscore the importance of resolving disputes through peaceful means and diplomacy.

9. We exchanged views on current international and regional developments, including the war against Ukraine and the situation in the Middle East. We reaffirmed our support for efforts aimed at achieving a just and lasting peace, in accordance with United Nations General Assembly Resolution ES-11/10. Both parties underscored their shared commitment to human dignity, multilateral cooperation and humanitarian solidarity with the Cuban people as well as the importance of upholding international humanitarian principles.

10. We recognise the need to strengthen our sectoral dialogues as a central tool for advancing the European Union – Mexico strategic agenda. We reaffirm our commitment to deepen cooperation on research and innovation, including through joint initiatives, capacity building efforts, and institutional partnerships, with a focus on climate, environment, biodiversity, sustainable ocean resources management and protection, energy, artificial intelligence in science, social issues and health. We also aim to enhance dialogues on climate action, environmental protection, sustainable agriculture, food safety and disaster risk preparedness, transport and tourism. We reiterate our willingness to fostering people-to-people contacts and academic exchanges between Mexico and the European Union, notably through the Erasmus+ programme.

11. We praise the ongoing collaboration between Comisión Federal para la Protección contra Riesgos Sanitarios / COFEPRIS (Mexico) and the European Union, including through the Pan American Health Organisation, to strengthen Mexico’s medicines and vaccines regulatory system in line with the highest international standards. We welcome the launch of the first Mexico – European Union Sectoral Dialogue on Health, which will serve as a dedicated forum to advance shared priorities, including around medicines and vaccines, non-communicable diseases, digital health and pandemic prevention, preparedness and response.

12. We agree to launch a High-Level Dialogue on Security and Migration. We underline the importance of international police and judicial cooperation in the fight against organised crime, and illicit drug trafficking in the framework of a comprehensive approach also addressing drug demand and drug related harm, in line with the European Union – Latin America and the Caribbean Alliance for Citizen Security adopted at the IV CELAC – European Union Summit. We will continue to promote cooperation among relevant authorities and with Europol. Such cooperation will be guided by the principles of shared responsibility, cooperation without subordination, respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, with full respect for the respective jurisdictions of the United Mexican States and the European Union and its Member States.

13. We welcome progress on a Joint Declaration on Circular Economy. We will promote technical, regulatory and policy exchanges on effective domestic compliance carbon markets. We commit to strengthening our energy cooperation, including through a bilateral Energy Dialogue aimed at advancing energy security and a just and equitable energy transition.

14. We welcome the entry into force of the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ Agreement) and underscore the importance of its rapid and effective implementation. We reaffirm our ambition to conclude a robust, and effective international legally-binding treaty to end plastic pollution addressing the full life cycle of plastic, including production. We reconfirm our commitment to international climate action based on the implementation of the Paris agreement.

15. We agree to relaunch the European Union – Mexico Digital Dialogue, with due regard to the European Union – Latin America and Caribbean Joint Declaration on a Digital Alliance, as well as the joint declaration of the CELAC – European Union Summit, and to discuss matters relating to digital innovation, regulation and emerging technologies.

16. We have agreed to launch a new Strategic Policy Dialogue, which will further increase our exchanges and coordination on the political pillar of the Agreement; it will address common challenges at the bilateral, regional and global levels.

17. We commit to continue to constructively engage on human rights, in a bilateral and multilateral context, including through the regular European Union – Mexico High Level Human Rights Dialogue, bilateral cooperation, and in multilateral fora.

18. We recognize that environmental degradation, climate change, biodiversity loss, desertification and unsustainable development constitute some of the most pressing and serious threats to the ability of present and future generations, and, in this context, we will continue to uphold the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment, which is essential for the enjoyment of all human rights.

19. We underscore that gender equality, the rights of all women, young women and girls are inalienable, integral, and indivisible parts of universal human rights. Through the Joint Declaration on Trade and Gender Equality, as integral part of the Modernised Global Agreement, we reaffirm our commitment to advance gender equality, women's and girls' rights, in line with the Sustainable Development Goal 5 (including women's economic empowerment and the Women Peace and Security agenda).

20. We note that interparliamentary dialogue has gained unprecedented momentum and underscore the importance of parliamentary diplomacy, and fora such as the Mexico – European Union Joint Parliamentary Committee, in broadening dialogue and fostering greater mutual understanding.

21. We reaffirm our commitment to convene Summits on a biennial basis and instruct our respective authorities to ensure appropriate implementation of the agreements.

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