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**50th anniversary of the establishment
of diplomatic relations with the United States of Mexico,
on 30th November, 1960**

The European Union and the United States of Mexico commemorate today the establishment of diplomatic relations 50 years ago, on November 30th, 1960. On this occasion, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Mexico Ambassador Patricia Espinosa and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice-President Catherine Ashton have exchanged messages to mark this important event.

In her message, Catherine Ashton stresses that the EU and Mexico have accomplished a lot during this half century. Mexico was the first country in Latin America with which the EU concluded a global Association Agreement, including a free trade area, which entered into force 10 years ago. This agreement has resulted in greatly increased bilateral trade and investment flows.

The EU highly values the role Mexico plays in world affairs, and the intense cooperation on most international issues, notably in the context of the United Nations.

Minister Espinosa on her side recalls that the two sides have constantly reinforced, over the years, the links that unite them, notably through the Global Agreement and the Strategic Partnership.

Mexico and the EU decided to grant each other the status of Strategic partners in order to further enhance their bilateral and multilateral cooperation in a variety of areas such as climate change, security, human rights and macro-economic issues. The aim is for the relationship to continue to grow for the greater benefit of the citizens and the promotion of common values.

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