

Mexico: Understanding the Drug War through the Impact of the Mérida Initiative and Judicial Reform

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Mexico City, Mexico

The Mérida Initiative, aka Plan Mexico, was defined as a “new security cooperation initiative” between Mexico and the United States to combat drug trafficking and organized crime. While the stated goals are to “produce a safer and more secure hemisphere and prevent the spread of illicit drugs and transnational threats,” the reality of the initiative for the Mexican people tells a different story.



Participants in this delegation will:

- Meet with policy analysts to learn more about the Mérida Initiative and its impact on human rights.
- Hear stories from lawyers about the dangerous work they do to defend human rights in Mexico.
- Hear from both opponents and supporters of judicial reform, one component of the Mérida Initiative.
- Learn more about drug policies both in Mexico and internationally.
- Learn about the structural causes of economic injustice in Mexico and its connections to the drug war.
- Learn about alternative strategies that can better serve citizens in both the United States and Mexico.
- Learn how to advocate for policy change in the United States.

Cost: The cost of the trip is \$910.00 plus airfare to Mexico City, Mexico. This cost includes all meals, accommodations, facilitation, interpretation, and transportation while in Mexico. Your fee also covers an orientation/training session, and extensive reading materials and action tools distributed both before and after the delegation. Space is limited, and can fill quickly, so apply soon!

For more information about this delegation, please contact:

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