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to the Commission**

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Subject: EU-Mexico scientific relations in the new H2020 programme

Since the early 1960s, a great many projects for training researchers in Europe have been funded by Mexico. As a result, many Mexican scientists who have received training in Europe have subsequently returned to Mexico to continue their scientific work. Today, Mexico is one of Latin America's key players in the field of science and technology and since FP6 its researchers have actively participated in the research framework programmes funded by the Commission. In addition, the Commission has signed bilateral cooperation agreements with the Mexican Government. This bilateral cooperation has been strategically important for the development of science, technology and innovation in Mexico.

The prevailing economic situation means that Mexico is now grouped with the so-called MIST countries, and as such the Commission has changed the conditions for the participation of Mexican research groups in H2020. Mexico will now have to provide a part of the funding.

In this context,

Does the Commission consider that this change will significantly affect the participation of Mexican groups in framework programme projects?

If so, what steps will the Commission take to remediate, maintain and, where necessary, improve our scientific and technological cooperation with Mexico? What initiatives will the Commission take to ensure that European universities remain a priority destination for young Mexicans seeking high-quality scientific training?