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Secretary of State

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On behalf of the Government of the United States, I congratulate the people of Mexico on the 208th anniversary of your independence on September 16.

We deeply value our relationship with Mexico as a trusted neighbor, friend, and economic and security partner. Our future—like our history—is connected through shared cultural, linguistic, familial, and academic ties. Working together, we will continue to make strides to disrupt the illicit movement of cash, weapons, and drugs across our border, ensure safe and orderly migration, and bolster North American competitiveness.

The United States wishes the people of Mexico a happy independence day and looks forward to continuing to strengthen our partnership.

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