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THE COLLISION: MEXICO'S INTERNAL TRANSFORMATION AND WASHINGTON'S NEW SECURITY DOCTRINE

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The Collision: Mexico's Internal Transformation and Washington's New Security Doctrine



Political cartoon
(Iran leaves the
field, Mexico enters)

Two Transformations. One Collision.

Mexico

- Political transformation
- Institutional transformation
- Security transformation

Washington

- Strategic transformation
- New security framework
- Hemispheric security doctrine

Mexico's Political Transformation

- Constitutional checks dismantled
- Electoral institutions captured
- Judicial independence dismantled
- 'Abrazos, no balazos' security doctrine
- Political-criminal convergence

Why Washington Changed

Cartels evolved

- Diversified criminal economies
- Territorial control
- Political penetration
- New technologies

Mexico transformed

- Institutional weakening
- Criminal-political convergence
- Reduced state capacity

Washington adopted a new security framework

- National security
- FTO designations
- Whole-of-government approach

The New American Toolkit

- FTO designations
- Whole-of-government strategy
- Intelligence integration
- Treasury / OFAC
- DOJ
- JIATF-CC
- Compliance exposure

This Is No Longer Theoretical

- Political targets
- Intelligence expansion
- Internal cooperation
- Diplomatic pressure
- Financial & legal pressure

Can Sheinbaum Deliver?

Washington expects

- Security cooperation
- Intelligence cooperation
- Political accountability
- Stability

Domestic constraints

- Obrador coalition
- Political continuity
- Internal loyalties
- Limited room for maneuver

What Happens After the World Cup?

- Why does the World Cup matter?
- Is this primarily about trade—or about national security?
- What is the most likely scenario?

What Should Companies Expect?

- Higher compliance exposure
- Greater legal uncertainty
- Political risk to foreign investment
- Supply-chain contamination risk
- A structural shift, not a single crisis

The Collision

- Mexico changed.
- Washington changed.
- The bilateral relationship has entered a new strategic era

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