



## OFFICIAL STATEMENT FROM MEXICO REPUBLICANO

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### **To the Mexican society and its authorities:**

The National Committee of México Republicano issues this statement regarding the recent decision by the government of President Donald Trump to impose a 25% tariff on Mexican-origin products, as announced today by the White House press secretary.

It is crucial that this measure is properly understood by both Mexican authorities and the society at large. This is not merely an economic decision, but an action driven by President Trump's demand for a decisive fight against fentanyl, a substance that American society perceives as a severe threat to its youth and the most vulnerable.

Just as President Claudia Sheinbaum has declared her commitment to defending those with the least resources, President Trump, under the same logic, has taken measures he deems necessary to break the devastating cycle of fentanyl, whose trafficking is controlled by terrorist organizations known as drug cartels, which originate in Mexico.

In this regard, México Republicano calls on Mexican authorities and civil society to recognize that the U.S. government's decision is not merely a commercial or economic issue but an urgent call to action against these terrorist organizations. The fentanyl crisis has led to alarming death tolls in our northern neighbor's society, and ignoring the magnitude of the problem would mean disregarding the severity of the U.S. government's demand. No economic argument can take precedence when it comes to defending those most in need and whose lives are at risk.

Furthermore, we acknowledge that, initially, the tariff increase will primarily be absorbed by U.S. consumers. However, in the medium term, the U.S. market will seek alternatives to Mexican products, severely impacting Mexico's economy, as 80% of its exports go to the United States, representing 25% of the national GDP. In contrast, the United States exports only 16% of its goods to Mexico, amounting to just 1% of its GDP.

Therefore, in the medium and long term, the macroeconomic impact of this measure will be significantly more detrimental to Mexico than to the U.S. economy.

**Sincerely,**

The National Leadership of México Republicano