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The U.S.-Mexico Foundation and the Woodrow Wilson Center's Mexico Institute held an Ambassador Retreat in Texas from January 22 to January 24. This is the first time that the former ambassadors from the United States to Mexico and from Mexico to the United States were convened to discuss the future of the bilateral relationship. Twelve ambassadors, six from each country, were able to attend.

Over the course of two days, the ambassadors discussed key topics in bilateral relations, including economics and trade; borders and migration; security and rule of law; and soft power and culture, in the hopes that the ideas raised will strengthen the bilateral relationship.

The main takeaways from the discussion will be published in an informative document in the coming weeks with strategies for the present and future of the binational relationship to be delivered to lawmakers in both countries, and the candidates for the presidency of the United States.

The U.S.-México Foundation (USMF) is a nonprofit dedicated to fostering bilateral cooperation and understanding between the United States and México. Rooted in NAFTA and launched in 2009, USMF has a binational board of business and civic leaders with extensive networks in the U.S. and Mexico. Recently, the USMF started a new chapter with a compelling agenda focused on policy and advocacy, creating new alliances to address current challenges and opportunities facing the bilateral relationship.

The Mexico Institute seeks to improve understanding, communication, and cooperation between Mexico and the United States by promoting original research, encouraging public discussion, and proposing policy options for enhancing the bilateral relationship. The Wilson Center, chartered by Congress as the living memorial to President Woodrow Wilson, is the nation's key non-partisan policy forum.

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