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Program to counteract corruption and impunity

In order to comply with the provisions of the National Development Plan 2019-2024, as well as commitments made by Mexico in various international treaties, the National Program to Counter Corruption and Impunity and for the Improvement of Public Management 2019-2024 was published in the Federal Official Gazette on August 30 (“Program”).

The Program has five priority objectives:

1. Counter corruption causes and effects

The purpose is to prevent the diversion of public resources, avoid benefits to third parties in exchange of gratuities, eliminate extortion, influence peddling and the use of office for personal profit through systems of control and sanction, inspection and accountability, as well as mechanisms of citizenship and social auditing.

2. Counter administrative impunity in the federal government

Strategies include strengthening the rule of law, improving investigative processes, implementing intelligence mechanisms, field research and analysis of information, verification visits and the use of tools such as the Integrated Citizen Complaints System or the Internal and External Alert platform to report acts of corruption in the federal government, challenging irregular acts in public contracting and reorienting the conduct of officials towards public ethics.

3. Promote the efficiency of public management

In order to promote austerity in public spending, the Program provides actions such as the elimination of arbitrary material and financial allocations, as well as of redundant structures and job titles and countering public expenditure diversion with the support of the Administration and Finance Units (UAFs), which will also supervise consolidated purchases and cost control in public contracts.

4. Promote the professionalization and efficient management of human resources within the Federal Public Administration

Based on the principles of legality, honesty, loyalty, impartiality and efficiency, the aim is to build a new public ethic through Ethic and Conflict of Interest Prevention Committees (CEPCI) installed in the offices and entities of the Federal Public Administration, responsible for promoting a culture of ethics and public integrity via the programs designed by the Secretary of Public Function.

5. Promote the efficient and responsible use of State assets

The Program seeks to improve the use of federal real estate assets through comprehensive planning and analysis tools, the actualization of land registers, the implementation of strategies regarding construction, reconstruction, maintenance, accessibility and property control, as well as the administration and destination of confiscated assets or property subject to tax or customs procedures, among others.

For each of the objectives, the Program envisages concrete strategies and actions, as well as goals to be achieved, measurement parameters for each and the methodology for calculating results. Designed by the Secretary of Public Function, the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit and the Office of the Presidency, the document emphasizes that, through its implementation, economic growth will no longer be hampered by impunity and corruption.