

## **USMCA: extreme U.S. demands on Mexico are unacceptable**

Mexico City, December 2, 2019.- The Mexican Business Coordinating Council (CCE) has learned that the United States recently shared proposals for amendments to the USMCA. We welcome changes that would strengthen the agreement, such as the solution to the longstanding problem of the establishment of panels within the State-State dispute settlement mechanism. However, we are very concerned that there are some demands, on labor matters, that are extreme in nature and completely unacceptable. These could severely affect the competitiveness of Mexico and its North American partners.

These proposals would, based on isolated events, negatively impact the supply chains created in the region in the last 25 years. If implemented, the losers would be the peoples of Mexico, the United States and Canada, the regional economy and trilateral cooperation. It would seem that some US actors are putting the agreement at risk.

The sovereignty of Mexico is non-negotiable. The Mexican Government will have our support in generating counter-proposals and maintaining a firm position in defense of our country's competitiveness.

We will continue to strongly support the efforts of the Mexican Government, and work from our office in Washington D.C. to raise awareness among U.S. stakeholders.

### **About the Mexican Business Coordinating Council (CCE)**

Mexico's private sector main business chamber, represents over 1.3 million enterprises and more than 17.8 million jobs; around 60% of the total investment made in the country, and 80% of the GDP produced by the private sector.