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IRI/NDI ANNOUNCE DELEGATION TO AUGUST 21 MEXICAN NATIONAL ELECTIONS

The International Republican Institute (IRI) and the National Democratic Institute (NDI), invited by Mexico's three major political parties and the Federal Electoral Institute (IFE), will send an international delegation to the August 21 Mexican national elections. The IRI/NDI delegation reflects the international community's support for democratic processes and institutions in Mexico.

The delegation will convene in Mexico City on August 17 before deploying to sites in the capital and 24 states throughout the country. The 80-person delegation includes former heads of government and state, elected officials, regional experts, and political party and civic leaders from 16 countries. Participating with the IRI/NDI mission will be a delegation of the Council of Freely Elected Heads of Government, based at the Carter Center at Emory University.

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**Media Advisory for IRI/NDI Election Delegation:
(For Planning Purposes, Not for Publication)**

The delegation will hold a pre-election news conference on Friday, August 19, 1:00 pm, at the Hotel Sheraton Maria Isabel in Mexico City.

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