

**Address by the Ambassador of the United Mexican States, Mr Alejandro García
Moreno Elizondo, presenting his credentials to the PoR of the Republic of Cyprus, on
June 9, 2023**

Your Excellency,

It is a high honor for me to be before you to present the Letters of Credence by which His Excellency Mr Andres Lopez Obrador, President of the United Mexican States has appointed me as the new Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mexico to the Republic of Cyprus.

Mexico and Cyprus established diplomatic relations on February 12, 1974. Next year we will celebrate the 50th Anniversary and I am looking forward to celebrate it with specific events and actions that will strengthen our friendship.

Cyprus is a member State of the European Union and we attach a special value to the “Mexico-European Union Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement” under which framework we have strategic partnership.

Mexico and the European Union trade in 2022 reached 82 billion US dollars. By the first quarter of this year it has grown 22% in relation to the same period of last year.

Mexico and Cyprus share common values and both countries are proud of our ancient civilizations which have given the World a unique heritage. We are now working together in the protection of that cultural asset through the Council of Europe Convention of Offences Relating to Cultural Property (Nicosia Convention) which has been ratified by Mexico.

As a founding member of the United Nations, Mexico is a Law-abiding country with full respect to International Law. In the case of Cyprus, my country strongly supports the territorial integrity, independence and sovereignty of the Republic of Cyprus as well as the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council as the basis for reaching a comprehensive settlement fully in line with International Law.

Your Excellency,

I take this opportunity to convey to you the warmest greetings from President Andrés Manuel López Obrador and I personally look forward to working with your Government to enhance and diversify our relations for the mutual benefit of Mexico and Cyprus.