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Priorities of Mexico in MIKTA

- Strengthening mul-
tilateralism to face
global challenges
- Placing women at
the center of devel-
opment and inclu-
sion
- Deepening coordi-
nation to advance
the 2030 Agenda

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MIKTA

Mexican Presidency (January 1st-December 31st, 2024) Report of Activities



Presentation by Ambassador Francisca Méndez Escobar

From January 1 to Decem-
ber 31, 2024, Mexico held
the rotating Presidency of
MIKTA with the aim of con-
solidating this forum for
dialogue as an inclusive,
innovative space oriented
towards sustainable devel-
opment, the strengthening
of multilateralism and inter-
national cooperation.

Throughout the year, Mexi-
co promoted an ambitious
agenda of 9 activities fo-
cused on fostering inclusive
growth, social well-being,
gender equality, orderly
and safe migration, as well
as the responsible use of
emerging technologies.

As the Permanent Repre-
sentative of Mexico to the
United Nations and other
international organizations
in Geneva, it was my dis-
tinct honor to promote and
participate in all activities
undertaken by Mexico in
Geneva during its presiden-
cy of MIKTA in 2024.

This document reflects not
only our achievements but
also the spirit of collabora-
tion, innovation, and shared
responsibility that defines
this dynamic grouping of
middle powers.

In a global context charac-
terized by significant chal-
lenges, MIKTA, as a cross

regional group, has proven
to be a useful platform for
fostering dialogue, promot-
ing multilateralism, and
advancing pragmatic solu-
tions to issues of global
concern.

Throughout 2024, we coor-
dinated a series of high-
level dialogues, expert
workshops, and public di-
plomacy initiatives de-
signed to enhance MIKTA's
visibility and impact. These
activities reinforced the
group's core principles of
flexibility, inclusiveness, and
support for multilateralism,
while also responding to
Mexico's priorities in For-
eign Affairs.

This report is both a record
of accomplishments and a
testament to the enduring
relevance of MIKTA as a
coalition of like-minded
partners committed to con-
structive global engage-
ment. It is my hope that the
initiatives and partnerships
nurtured during Mexico's
presidency will leave a last-
ing legacy, contributing to a
more equitable, sustaina-
ble, and peaceful interna-
tional system. As we look to
the future, Mexico remains
steadfast in its commitment
to the values and objectives
that bind MIKTA, confident
that the work undertaken in

2024 will continue to inspire
and guide our collective
efforts in the years to come.

I thank the Mexican coordi-
nation for all the support
received throughout the
year from the Ministry of
Foreign Affairs, my col-
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Güven Begec from Türkiye;
and their teams, for their
commitment to deploying
this visibility in Geneva.

**Ambassador Francisca E.
Méndez Escobar**



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2025
Año de
**La Mujer
Indígena**

Priorities of Mexico's MIKTA Presidency

Mexico undertook MIKTA's Presidency guided by three main priorities:

Priority 1. Strengthening multilateralism to face global challenges with a social and inclusive approach.

Mexico continued the path opened by other members towards placing multilateralism and its strengthening as one of the group's cross-cutting goals.

Multilateralism is always key to addressing global development challenges. Today, we face setbacks in the multilateral system that prevent us from effectively addressing global challenges.

MIKTA must promote the role of the United Nations as the best

placed institution to deal with global challenges and take advantage of emerging opportunities.

Mexico proposed promoting a humanist vision of multilateralism, which focuses its actions on people and their protection; boosting preventive diplomacy, international solidarity and cooperation to contribute to the best causes of humanity. Furthermore, MIKTA must take advantage of its common membership in the G20

and lead joint initiatives at the upcoming 2024 G20 Rio de Janeiro Summit. Mexico proposes to find specific issues to collaborate on during the negotiation process in the G20.

Our presence in the premier global forum for international economic cooperation must serve to build bridges between developed and developing countries and advocate for those in vulnerable situations.

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Priority 2. Placing women at the center of development and inclusion efforts

MIKTA should advocate that all actions linked to development and economic growth include the participation of women and girls as a crosscutting issue. As the first Latin American country to adopt a feminist

foreign policy, Mexico's Chairmanship focused in promoting the relevant participation of women in development, climate, and inclusion efforts, as well as in the Peace and Security agenda.

We will seek to position women at the centre of decision-making processes as well as to combat discrimination and stereotypes and address important issues such as the unequal participation of women on unpaid domestic and care work:

"...all actions linked to development and economic growth include the participation of women and girls as a crosscutting issue."



Priority 3. Deepening coordination of cooperation authorities to advance the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs.

In different opportunities, MIKTA countries have particularly expressed concern on the lack of progress in achieving the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In this context, our group needs to reaffirm its commitment to accelerating the implementation of the SDGs to get progress back on track.

Activities will have the

underlying objective of advancing the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Mexico firmly supports the international community's efforts to streamline sustainable development throughout all actions and at all levels, to accomplish the Agenda's vision of more prosperous and thriving societies.

MIKTA will continue to take concrete actions to

"lead by example" within the MIKTA Development Cooperation network. Therefore, our Chairmanship sought to strengthen coordination between our Development Cooperation agencies and authorities in charge of international cooperation, in order to take advantage of experience that we have individually developed, as well as to jointly expand actions in third countries and regions.



Activities of the Mexican Presidency of MIKTA in Geneva

Meeting of Permanent Representatives of the MIKTA countries (Mexico, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Türkiye and Australia) in which Mexico presented the thematic priorities of the coordination under its responsibility in 2024.

On April 2 took place the meeting of Permanent Representatives of the MIKTA countries (Mexico, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Turkey and Australia) in which Mexico presented the thematic priorities of its coordination during 2024.

The Permanent Representative of Mexico presented to the MIKTA ambassadors the proposal to carry out 10

activities at this headquarters, as well as the objective and general information of the same, in areas such as human rights, ICTs, environment, actions in favor of people with disabilities, health and intellectual property.

Ambassador Méndez stressed the multilateral nature of the thematic priorities proposed by Mexico, which contrib-

ute to the objective of having a strong multilateralism in which Geneva is the ideal headquarters for this and where MIKTA can act as a "hinge" instance in different areas.

Focus on the 2030 Agenda and Feminist Foreign Policy are key issues that Mexico wants to promote in the MIKTA space, so participants were invited to work together and take advantage of the benefits of being part of a group of countries with diverse points of view.

In this context, Mexico recognized Indonesia's work during its coordination in 2023 and the impact it had in projecting the MIKTA group of countries in Geneva.



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Conference entitled “MIKTA and multilateralism. Strengthening cooperation in challenging times” with the Geneva School of Diplomacy & International Relations.

On May 6, the forum “MIKTA and multilateralism. Strengthening cooperation in challenging times” was held at the headquarters of the Geneva School of Diplomacy & International Relations (GSD), with the participation of Dr. Colum Murphy, President of the GSD and Dr. Rakesh Krishnan, Director General of the GSD. MIKTA was represented by Ambassadors Febrian Ruddyard (Indonesia); Seong Deok Yun (Republic of Korea); Amanda Gorely, Ambassador of Australia; and Ms. Arzu Erçelik, Alternate Permanent Representative of Türkiye, representing Ambassador Güven Begec.

Dr. Colum Murphy stressed the need to promote dialogue and take concrete actions to address the problems facing humanity. He underlined the importance that mechanisms such as MIKTA



can have in responding to current challenges that demand immediate solutions in multilateral forums.

The Permanent Representatives agreed on the uniqueness of MIKTA as it is a group of diverse countries located in different parts of the world and with different economic, cultural and religious characteristics, which has achieved a fluid dialogue and identified topics and areas of common interest.

Among other things, the Permanent Representative of Mexico, Ambassador Francisca Méndez, referred to the role of MIKTA in the international arena as a plat-

form for interregional consultation and an informal, creative and flexible space that allows strengthening bilateral relations and political dialogue between its members.

The event had 110 participants in person (practically the entire venue) and hundreds of participants in virtual mode. During the question-and-answer segment, it was possible to corroborate the great interest generated by the initiative and to learn firsthand the impressions and concerns of the participants, mostly students, researchers and academics.



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Panel Discussion "How can Artificial Intelligence (AI) improve digital accessibility for persons with disabilities?", within the framework of the World Summit on the Information Society +20 (WSIS+20), organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

On May 30, 2024, the "Panel Discussion: How can Artificial Intelligence (AI) improve digital accessibility for persons with disabilities?" was held within the framework of the World Summit on the Information Society +20 (WSIS+20), organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

The event featured panelists from the public and private sectors and international organizations, including Indra Maulana, Secretary of the General Directorate of Posts and Information Technology Operations of Indonesia,

Soowon Cho, CEO of TUAT Corp. of the Republic of Korea; Rosemary Kayess, Member of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Disability Discrimination Commissioner of Australia (pre-recorded participation); Gitanjali Sah, Policy and Strategy Coordinator of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU); and Ambassador Francisca Méndez Escobar, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the ON and other International Organizations based in Geneva. The session was moderated by the ITU Strategy



and Policy Coordinator, who reiterated the importance of promoting digital accessibility within the activities of WSIS+20 and in all discussions taking place on emerging technologies.

During her speech, Ambassador Méndez referred to the importance of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, as well as the need to make collaborative efforts for the development and implementation of technologies that benefit people with disabilities. She also referred to the recommendations aimed at promoting the transfer of technologies from developed to developing



countries and highlighted the role of standardization for the global operation of these technologies. The Permanent Representative of Mexico highlighted the importance of including people with disabilities in any digital accessibility effort and reaffirmed the need for greater and better coordination between the different forums that deal with this issue, to ensure the ethical use of technologies and to support the private sector in their development.

Mr. Indra Maulana emphasized the positive role that Artificial Intelligence (AI) plays for people with disabilities. During his speech, he presented

the perspective of the Indonesian government and indicated that they promote various policies for the inclusion of people with disabilities, specifically sharing the benefits of AI in text-to-speech services.

Ms. Soowon Cho shared the actions taken by TU-AT Corp. to help people with visual disabilities. Its product consists of a mobile application called Sullivan Plus, which provides visual assistance in all languages to more than 300,000 people around



the world. The company was recognized with the Best Use of Mobile for Accessibility & Inclusion award from the Global Mobile (GLOMO) Awards.

Through a video, Ms. Kayess delved into the content of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. She noted that the objective of said Convention is to promote, protect and ensure the enjoyment of all Human Rights and Freedoms of Persons with Disabilities, including the accessible use of emerging technologies.

The event was attended by in-person participants from different countries and around



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Joint statement by MIKTA countries at the Global Coalition for Social Justice Forum, within the framework of the 112th International Labour Conference (ILC).

On June 13, 2024, at the opening of the Global Forum for Social Justice, held within the framework of the ILO International Labor Conference, Ambassador Joel Hernández, Undersecretary for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights of the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs, read a joint statement on behalf of the governments of Australia, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, Türkiye and Mexico.

In the statement, members stressed that the recent announcement made by Indonesia to join the Coalition for Social Justice was very significant since all five MIKTA countries had become partners of the Coalition. At the same time, countries confirmed their support to the initiative which aims to intensify collective efforts to urgently close social justice gaps and acceler-



ate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Sustainable Development Goals, and the Decent Work Agenda.

Countries of MIKTA confirmed their alignment to the Coalition's goal to foster cooperation and partnerships to mobilize resources to address critical issues and develop our activities over time to better serve the cause of social justice. Also, MIKTA

countries expressed their affinity and support to the efforts of the Forum to improve resilience of societies, promote coherence between economic and social policies, and foster social dialogue for shared prosperity.

The statement concluded affirming MIKTA's support to the Forum as a unique opportunity to promote the core objectives of the Global Coalition for Social Justice and invite other countries to become partners.

Gastronomic exhibition of MIKTA member countries, at the Mexican Residence in Geneva.



On June 27, the “MIKTA Gastronomic Exhibition” was held at the Residence of Mexico in Geneva, where member countries showcased a sample of traditional dishes and typical drinks, with the aim of allowing guests to taste true traditional dishes and share culinary experiences and traditions.

The event's main objective was to show that food is a fundamental part of national identities, a reflection of the unique histories, traditions and environments of the countries of origin, based on the idea that

food is not only a marker of identity; it is also a powerful tool for diplomacy, bringing people together, transcending language barriers and fostering a sense of community.

This activity was carried out thanks to the active cooperation and in-kind support (food, drinks, table-

ware) of the Permanent Missions of Australia, Indonesia, Korea, Turkey and Mexico, demonstrating that culinary traditions are also elements of understanding and diplomacy.

This event demonstrated that food is an essential part of every culture. It's more than just a means of sustenance, but a way of expressing oneself, connecting with others, and passing on rich cultural heritage. Food is deeply ingrained in our cultural identity and serves as a representation of our heritage, history, and values.



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Joint statement issued by Mexico, on behalf of MIKTA, at the Annual Panel on the Adverse Effects of Climate Change, within the framework of the 56th ordinary session of the Human Rights Council (HRC).

In the context of the 56th session of the Human Rights Council, during the annual Roundtable on the adverse effects of climate change, held on July 1, the Joint Declaration of the MIKTA Member Countries on the adverse effects of climate change was presented.

In their joint declaration, the member countries reiterated their determination and called on all governments, international organizations, the private sector, national human rights institutions, civil society organizations and communities to work together to support concrete actions to address the climate emergency, protect the human rights of all and strengthen the resilience of communities and countries.

Member countries reiterated their call for increased bilateral, re-



gional and global cooperation to strengthen the global response to the threat of climate change and to fulfil the Paris Agreement, especially on adaptation measures, and to enhance disaster prevention, preparedness and response, as well as resilience building and emergency management, in line with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 and the Bali Agenda for Resilience.

They stressed that, noting the disproportionate effects of climate change on women and girls,

particularly those in the most vulnerable situations, gender equality remains a key priority for MIKTA, and they confirmed their support for inclusive and gender-sensitive actions to ensure that climate change does not undermine our progress towards this goal.

MIKTA also expressed concern about the increasing numbers of disaster-related displacement in all regions and called for ensuring that the needs and rights of people affected by disasters are met, including through timely humanitarian assistance and durable solutions to their displacement.

Joint statement by MIKTA during the General Debate of the 75th Plenary Session of the UNHCR Executive Committee, in which member countries reaffirmed their common resolve to contribute to efforts aimed at protecting and finding solutions for forcibly displaced and stateless persons.

In the context of the General Debate of the 75th plenary session of the Executive Committee of UNHCR, Mexico, on behalf of MIKTA countries (Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, Türkiye, Australia and Mexico), delivered a Joint Statement about points of agreement in the area of assistance and protection of refugees and stateless persons.

In the statement, member countries reaffirmed their common aspiration to contribute to the efforts aimed at protecting and finding solutions for forcibly displaced and stateless persons, in order to identify and seize opportunities for collaboration to address global challenges, including the current humanitarian emergencies fueling displacement worldwide.

Members also recognized that host countries, 75% being low- and middle-income economies, continue to show generosity and provide support despite facing complex challenges at both national and regional levels, and acknowledged the contributions of donor countries that actively engage on addressing crisis situations under the principle of responsibility sharing.

MIKTA countries reaffirmed their commitment to collaborate to protect those seeking international protection and to promote robust and accessible protection mechanisms, including strengthening asylum procedures and enhancing support systems that allow refugees live with dignity.



Among other subjects, members also called on the international community to take decisive measures to end statelessness and welcomed the celebration of the High-level segment on this topic, as a means to sharing good practices and learning from others' experiences on avenues to strengthen policies and laws related to registration, and right to identity and nationality, with the goal of preventing and ending statelessness.

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Joint Statement by MIKTA during the 34th International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, related to extreme climate events and their impact on vulnerable people and communities, in particular persons with disabilities.

In the context of the XXXIV International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, which took place from October 28 to 31, 2024, Mexico delivered a Joint Declaration on the inclusion of people with disabilities in disaster risk reduction strategies in the face of extreme climate events, on behalf of MIKTA member countries.

In the statement, member countries focused on the escalating thread posed by extreme climate events and their impact on vulnerable individuals and communities, particularly on persons with disabilities.

Member countries stated that extreme climate events are on the rise and, according to organizations like the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO),



these events will further exacerbate in frequency and magnitude due to the rise in global temperatures.

MIKTA countries strongly encouraged an approach that integrates the Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) in DRR strategies, including ensuring that persons with disabilities are active participants in the planning and implementation of disaster resilience measures.

Member countries considered paramount to align national legal frame-

works on DRR with both the Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction to guarantee that legal and regulatory frameworks ensure accessibility, safety and dignity for persons with disabilities during all phases of disaster management -prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery.

Members recognized true resilience in the face of extreme climate events can only be achieved by upholding the rights, dignity and full participation of persons with disabilities.

Side event within the framework of the 33rd session of the WIPO Committee on Development and Intellectual Property, on “Artificial Intelligence and Development: Inclusion, Innovation and Intellectual Property”

On December 9, in the context of the 33rd session of the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP) of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), the side event entitled “Artificial Intelligence and Development: Innovation, Inclusion and Intellectual Property” was held.

This event stems from the fact that Artificial Intelligence (AI) is transforming industries, economies and societies around the world, offering a wide range of opportunities, so, in the context



of development, such technology has great potential to accelerate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by opening up new possibilities in sectors such as education, health, production, economic growth, communication and transportation.

However, access to the benefits of AI largely depends on appropriate policies, a robust digital infrastructure and a solid base of technical knowledge that allows countries to adapt these technologies to their local contexts. In this regard,

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AI for Development: Innovation, Inclusion & IP

December 9, 13.00 - 15.30 | Hybrid: Room B, WIPO HQ & Zoom

At the 33rd session of the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property, Member States will examine the link between AI and development. To contribute to this discussion, the MIKTA countries (Mexico, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Türkiye, and Australia) have organized this side event.

The session will explore how AI can contribute to sustainable and equitable development, and how IP frameworks might need to evolve to meet the demands of the AI era, with insights from experts from WIPO, ITU, ILO, OECD, and GESD, as well as specialists from the MIKTA countries.




only a limited number of countries possess the specialized knowledge and capabilities needed to take full advantage of advances in AI, increasing the risk that as the technology advances, the technological gap between countries will widen.

Against this backdrop, the MIKTA side event aimed to complement discussions taking place at the new CDIP session, dedicated to WIPO

Member States specifically examining the link between AI and development, representing an opportunity to assess the impacts of this technology from a broader perspective.

Among other issues, it addressed how AI can contribute to sustainable and equitable development, aligning with the SDGs, and how IP frameworks can be adapted to support this

goal. Another point discussed was how intellectual property frameworks could be adjusted to balance the protection of creators' rights with the dissemination and access to technology, and possible policy measures that could help reduce the technological gap in AI-related capabilities were explored.

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