

Joint statement of the governments of Mexico and Panama



The Governments of the Republic of Panama and the United Mexican States ended their meetings of the intermediate round held in Panama City from 5 to 7 March 2014. The delegations were headed by the Deputy Minister of International Trade Negotiations of Panama, Diana Salazar, and by the Under Secretary of Foreign Trade of Mexico, Francisco de Rosenzweig.

In this intermediate round, the technical groups of National Treatment and Market Access for Goods, Rules and Origin Procedures and Public Procurement had sessions for the revision of the corresponding chapters, in order to find common ground and reach agreements that benefit both countries.

In this context, the Deputy Ministers held meetings in which assessed the current situation of the negotiation process to find alternative work to support the rapprochement of positions, and reduce the number of remaining issues for the V Round of Negotiations.

The meetings during this intermediate round were developed in a proactive and constructive environment, where dialogue prevailed, and substantive progress was materialized in negotiated chapters, paving the way for the fifth round of negotiations that is scheduled for dates between 18 and 21 March, in Panama City.