
8. RECOGNITION OF MEXICAN OWNERSHIP OF HYDROCARBONS

Mexico's main objectives

- Achieving full recognition of Mexico's sovereignty and its right to reform the domestic legal framework including the Constitution.
- Reaffirming Mexico's direct, inalienable and imprescriptible ownership of oil and other hydrocarbons available in the country.
- Establishing mechanisms that provide legal certainty to service providers, exporters, importers and investors in the energy sector.

Benefits for Mexico

- Mexico's independence and sovereignty over the energy sector are guaranteed.
- Mexico's right to enable regulation over oil and other hydrocarbons is preserved. This will be consistent with the government's international commitments.
- Legal assurances will be guaranteed to service providers, exporters, importers and investors participating in this industry.

Chapter's main provisions

- The Parties involved recognize Mexico's sovereign right to amend its Constitution and its direct dominion, inalienable and imprescriptible ownership of all hydrocarbons in the subsoil of the national territory, including the continental shelf and the exclusive economic zone located outside and adjacent to the territorial sea, within mantos or deposits, regardless of their physical condition, in accordance with the Political Constitution of the United Mexican States **(Article 8.1)**.