

## United States- Mexico- Canada Agreement (USMCA)

### Energy

This Chapter has the objective of promoting and guaranteeing full **respect for the sovereignty of Mexico over its hydrocarbons, by recognizing its direct, inalienable and imprescriptible property over them.**

#### General provisions:

- The Parties confirm their **full respect for sovereignty and their sovereign right to regulate** with respect to matters addressed in this Chapter in accordance with their respective Constitution and domestic laws, in the full exercise of their democratic processes.
- **The sovereignty of the country in the energy sector is confirmed,** making clear the faculties of the Mexican State. One of the central aspects, is to recognize the right of Mexico to regulate and modify its laws.
- Mexico achieves full **recognition of its sovereignty and capacity to change its legal framework, including the Constitution.**
- Reaffirms its **direct, inalienable and imprescriptible** ownership over hydrocarbons.
- It establishes **mechanisms to provide legal certainty** to service providers, exporters, importers and investors that participate in the energy sector.
- It assures a special treatment through a **generic criteria of equity, assuring the Parties of USMCA the treatment given under any other international agreement signed by Mexico,** until the entry into force of USMCA.