===Relations===

====Advantage one – relations====

====Energy cooperation is key to a SUSTAINABLE partnership – boosts regional economy, solves Mexican violence and reverses Latin anti-US sentiment====

\*\*Reyes 13\*\* – JD, member of the USA Today Board of Contributors

(Raul, April, "Opinion: President Obama has the chance to improve US/Mexico relations," http://nbclatino.com/2013/04/29/opinion-president-obama-has-the-chance-to-improve-usmexico-relations/)//BB

Obama will arrive in Mexico with good and bad news. On the positive side

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foreign policy with Mexico based on its potential, not on its problems.

====Thinking BEYOND security is key – energy cooperation overcomes alternate impediments and creates a resilient partnership====

\*\*Miller and DeLeon 9\*\* - \*Stephanie, consultant on U.S.-Latin America relations and was formerly the Research Associate for the Americas Project on the National Security Team. Born in Venezuela with family from Colombia, Miller earned her degree from Duke University in International Comparative Studies with a focus on Latin America. She currently lives in Bogotá, Colombia, \*\*Rudy, Senior Vice President of National Security and International Policy at American Progress

("Transcending the Rio Grande," http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2009/04/pdf/mexico.pdf)//BB

The U.S.-Mexico relationship is ready for renewed collaboration on a range

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one of the United States~’ most important and strategic allies in the hemisphere.

====SEQUENCING is vital – CLIMATE cooperation FIRST spills over to the rest of relations====

\*\*Donnelly 10\*\* – Program Associate, Mexico Institute @ Wilson Center

(Robert, "U.S.-Mexico Cooperation on Renewable Energy: Building a Green Agenda," http://www.wilsoncenter.org/event/us-mexico-cooperation-renewable-energy-building-green-agenda)//BB

Discussant Johanna Mendelson Forman stressed the linkages connecting climate change, energy, and economic

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S. companies suffer from a lack of adequate export-import financing.

====Declining Mexican relations leads to a more regionally powerful Brazil====

\*\*Brzezinski 12\*\* – former National Security Adviser (Zbigniew, "Strategic Vision: America and the Crisis of Global Power", 2012, pp. 108-109)//Beddow

A waning partnership between America and Mexico could precipitate regional and even international realignments.

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, by helping more overtly anti-American governments in their economic development.

====That means Brazil will pursue nuclear proliferation.====

\*\*Stalcup 12\*\* – George and Barbara Bush Fellow at the George H. W. Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A%26M University (Travis C, "What is Brazil Up to With Its Nuclear Policy?", 10/10/12; < http://journal.georgetown.edu/2012/10/10/what-is-brazil-up-to-with-its-nuclear-policy-by-travis-stalcup/>)//Beddow

What is Brazil up to? That is the question national security planners should be

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pursuit of nuclear propulsion technology should give American policymakers and nonproliferation analysts pause.

====Vote aff if there is even a risk of prolif – prolif turns into an avalanche of problems====

\*\*Kroenig 12\*\* (Matthew Kroenig, Assistant Professor of Government, Georgetown University and Stanton Nuclear Security Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations, 5/26/2012, "The History of Proliferation Optimism: Does It Have A Future?", [[http://www.npolicy.org/article.php?aid=1182%26tid=30-http://www.npolicy.org/article.php?aid=1182%26tid=30]])

Further proliferation. Nuclear proliferation poses an additional threat to international peace and security because

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, giving us all good reason to fear the spread of nuclear weapons.

====Proliferation causes extinction====

Kroenig, 12 ~~[, Matthew, Assistant Professor of Government, Georgetown University and Stanton Nuclear Security Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations, May 26^^th^^ "The History of Proliferation Optimism: Does It Have A Future?" [[http://www.npolicy.org/article.php?aid=1182%26tid=30-http://www.npolicy.org/article.php?aid=1182%26tid=30]])

Proliferation Optimism: Proliferation optimism was revived in the academy in Kenneth Waltz~’s 1979

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that a future Middle East crisis could result in a devastating nuclear exchange.

===Warming===

====Advantage two – warming====

====Warming is real and anthropogenic—Skeptics are bought off clowns====

\*\*Prothero 12\*\* (Donald Prothero, Professor of Geology at Occidental College, Lecturer in Geobiology at CalTech, "How We Know Global Warming is Real and Human Caused," 3/1/12, EBSCO)

How do we know that global warming is real and primarily human caused? There

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change when it threatens their survival. Neither can we as a society.

====Extinction and try or die flips AFF====

\*\*Sawin Senior Director of the Energy and Climate Change Program at the WorldWatch Institute Aug. ~’12 \*\*(Janet, "Climate Change Poses Greater Security Threat than Terrorism," http://www.worldwatch.org/node/77)

As early as 1988, scientists cautioned that human tinkering with the Earth~’s climate amounted

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carbon, with meaningful long-term targets that incorporate gradually declining caps.

====Technical assistance for renewables significantly reduces greenhouse gases====

\*\*COCEF 12\*\* - La Comisión de Cooperación Ecológica Fronteriza

("Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy and Transportation: Project Opportunities in the U.S. – Mexico Border Region," http://www.cocef.org/Eng/VLibrary/Publications/SpecialReports/BECC%20WP%20%20Nov%202011%20index.pdf)//BB

This white paper describes the current deficit in the U.S.-Mexico border

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and the funds will need a highly ¶ capacitated and experienced program manager.

====Mexico is key:====

====First – technology transfer – Mexico will spread the green tech globally ====

\*\*ENS 12\*\* – Environmental News Service

("U.S., Canada, Mexico Vow ~’Continental~’ Energy Grid," http://www.reepedia.com/archives/4568)//BB

The leaders of the United States, Mexico, and Canada today pledged to develop

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, including electricity generation and interconnection and welcome increasing North American energy trade."

====Second – international cooperation – Mexican leadership leads to GLOBAL climate agreements====

\*\*O~’Neill 13\*\* – PhD in Government @ Harvard, senior fellow for Latin America Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations, a nonpartisan foreign-policy think tank and membership organization

(Shannon, "Mexico Makes It: A Transformed Society, Economy, and Government," Foreign Affairs, 92.2)//BB

If Mexico addresses these challenges, it will emerge as a powerful player on the

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institutions and help construct new international financial, trade, and climatechange accords.

===Plan===

====The United States Federal Government should provide renewable energy assistance to Mexico through the Border Environmental Cooperation Commission.====

===Solvency===

====Finally – solvency====

====An expanded BECC role quickly facilitates a Mexican green economy====

\*\*COCEF 11\*\* - La Comisión de Cooperación Ecológica Fronteriza

("Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy and Transportation: Project Opportunities in the U.S. – Mexico Border Region," http://www.cocef.org/Eng/VLibrary/Publications/SpecialReports/BECC%20WP%20%20Nov%202011%20index.pdf)//BB

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show a clear and ample need for technical assistance in the focus sectors.

====Renewables solve quickly – outside expertise is key====

\*\*Carus 13\*\* - UK journalist, regularly reporting on clean energy policy and finance from California for a global audience

(Felicity, "Mexico offers tantalising prospect of a dawning major market," http://www.pv-tech.org/editors\_blog/mexico\_offers\_tantalising\_prospect\_of\_a\_dawning\_major\_market)//BB

Solar investors in the US and further afield would really love to get their hands

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play much faster than the installation of potential gas pipelines," said Hanhausen.

====Specifically – the US is key====

—aid is high now, but should be re-oriented towards renewables

\*\*Hartsoch 11\*\* – MA @ San Jose State, Senior Vice President of Marketing and Sales for SolFocus

(Nancy, "A Sunny Future for Border Relations?," http://breakingenergy.com/2011/05/10/featured-a-sunny-future-for-border-relations/)//BB

Amidst the darkening cloud of violence that grips the US-Mexico border region,

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a more effective means to creating a peaceful, prosperous, cleaner future.