==Plan: The United States Federal Government should increase its economic engagement toward Mexico by implementing all topical portions of the Transboundary Hydrocarbon Agreement==

=Solvency=

====U.S. intervention to save PEMEX would be unpopular, but policies like THA would be accepted by Mexico and help revive PEMEX====

\*\*Bloomberg August 12, 2013\*\*

Bloomberg (financial and business information) "Mexico~’s Latest Energy Revolution" [[http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-08-12/mexico-s-latest-energy-revolution.html-http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-08-12/mexico-s-latest-energy-revolution.html]] acc. Oct 8

In Mexico, foreign oil companies still trigger a national neuralgia: In one 2012

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along the dividing line between the two countries in the Gulf of Mexico.

====Failure to ratify THA by January of 2014 would hurt relations, Mexican and U.S. oil companies and safety regulations. ====

\*\*Addison October 2, 2013\*\*

Addison, Veda (Hart Energy researcher). "US-Mexico Transboundary Pact Gains Senate Committee Support". [[http://www.epmag.com/Technology-Regulations/US-Mexico-Transboundary-Pact-Gains-Senate-Committee-Support\_123639?ch1=123554%26ch2=related-items-http://www.epmag.com/Technology-Regulations/US-Mexico-Transboundary-Pact-Gains-Senate-Committee-Support\_123639?ch1=123554%26ch2=related-items]] acc. Oct 8

However, movement on the part of the US has been slow, and failure

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would allow the US and Mexico to work toward common approaches to safety.

=Advantage 1 is Mexico =

====U.S. economy to decline in 2013 – decline in consumer spending, unemployment, and revision of GDP data====

\*\*Lombardi, chief economist for Alpha Investment, 6/30/13 \*\*

~~[Michael, 6-30-13, Seeking Alpha, "Dismal U.S. Consumer Spending to Drag Us Back into Recession", http://seekingalpha.com/article/1528172-dismal-u-s-consumer-spending-to-drag-us-back-into-recession, accessed 6-30-13, HG~~]

While the mainstream economists were quick to believe that the [[U.S. economy-http://www.profitconfidential.com/u-s-economy/]]

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common currency region—Germany and France—are showing signs of stress.

====First is trade cooperation – opening up the Gulf to increased development spurs bi-lateral economic cooperation and stimulates the U.S. economy====

\*\*Simmons, economist at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Washington, D.C., 4/30/13 \*\*

~~[Daniel, 4-30-13, Master Resource, "U.S.-Mexico Transboundary Hydrocarbons Agreement: A Rare Victory for Oil and Gas in the Obama Era", http://www.masterresource.org/2013/04/u-s-mexico-transboundary-hydrocarbons-agreement/, accessed 6-30-13, HG~~]

The energy and economic welfare of the United States and Mexico are intertwined by our

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the highest degree of safety and environmental standards.¶ Elements of the Agreement¶

====Second is domestic development – energy development in the Gulf is key to the economy by creating jobs, lowering energy prices, increasing domestic supply, generating federal revenue, and expanding exploration====

\*\*Hastings, Chairman on the Natural Resource House Committee, 5/15/13 \*\*

~~[Doc, 5-15-13, Committee on Natural Resources, "House Committee Approves Legislation to Approve Transboundary Hydrocarbon Agreement with Mexico", http://naturalresources.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=334042, accessed 6-30-13, HG~~]

====THA is critical to revive Mexico~’s flagging economy because it is the only way to get reforms for PEMEX. ====

\*\*Rampton ~’13\*\*

Roberta Rampton, Reuters, Apr 29, 2013, "UPDATE 1-U.S.-Mexico deal on expanded Gulf oil drilling still in limbo," [[http://uk.reuters.com/article/2013/04/29/usa-mexico-oil-idUKL2N0DG1MR20130429-http://uk.reuters.com/article/2013/04/29/usa-mexico-oil-idUKL2N0DG1MR20130429]]

WASHINGTON, April 29 (Reuters) - More than a year after the United

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the top Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee before he left Congress.

====Oil production along the Western Gap of the Gulf of Mexico is key to PEMEX====

\*\*Iliff ~’12\*\*

\*\*(Laurence, "Pemex Makes Its First Big Oil Find in Deep Gulf", The Wall Street Journal, 8-29-2012, http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10000872396390444914904577619712736497598.html)\*\*

Mexican state-owned oil firm Petroleos Mexicanos, or Pemex, has made its

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Mexican side of the Gulf, but only under shared-risk contracts.

====PEMEX is a key factor to determine investment in the Mexican economy, which is currently stagnant. Without investment Mexico will be a net oil importer within 2 years. ====

\*\*Rapoza August 23, 2013\*\*

Rapoza, Kenneth (staff writer for Forbes, former foreign correspondent for Dow Jones and Wall Street) "From Pemex to Retail: Mexico Looking Better" [[http://www.forbes.com/sites/kenrapoza/2013/09/23/from-pemex-to-retail-mexico-looking-better/-http://www.forbes.com/sites/kenrapoza/2013/09/23/from-pemex-to-retail-mexico-looking-better/]] acc. October 8

Mexico is introducing some new reforms to increase competitiveness. One the market is most

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the economy growing. Retail sales have been generally stagnant throughout the year.

====Pemex is also critical to competitive Mexican manufacturing====

\*\*LA Times 13\*\*

(Published January 1 2013, LATimes.com, "Mexico: The hope of a nation", [[http://www.latinfinance.com/Article/3142755/Mexico-The-hope-of-a-nation.html-http://www.latinfinance.com/Article/3142755/Mexico-The-hope-of-a-nation.html]], Accessed June 30 2013, JB)

At the same time the government is pushing ahead with plans to overhaul the energy

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others say would prove a huge boost to the competitiveness of Mexican manufacturing.

====As the world~’s 13th largest economy, Mexican manufacturing is key to growth and global manufacturing. ====

Kennedy ~’13 (Lucy Jay-Kennedy, Senior Media Manager, World Economic Forum USA) "Manufacturing Future Economic Growth and Job Creation" [[http://www.weforum.org/news/manufacturing-future-economic-growth-and-job-creation-http://www.weforum.org/news/manufacturing-future-economic-growth-and-job-creation]]

The manufacturing sector has a fundamental role to play in global economic growth and job

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of which are the keys to long-term, sustainable economic growth."

====Econ decline causes war ====

ROYAL 10 Director of Cooperative Threat Reduction at the U.S. Department of Defense

~~[Jedediah Royal, 2010, Economic Integration, Economic Signaling and the Problem of Economic Crises, in Economics of War and Peace: Economic, Legal and Political Perspectives, ed. Goldsmith and Brauer, p. 213-215~~]

Less intuitive is how periods of economic decline may increase the likelihood of external conflict

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not featured prominently in the economic-security debate and deserves more attention.

====Mexican stability is critical to U.S. power====

\*\*Kaplan ~’12 – chief geopolitical analyst at Stratfor \*\*

\*\*(Robert D., With the Focus on Syria, Mexico Burns, Stratfor, 3-28-2012, http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/focus-syria-mexico-burns) \*\*

While the foreign policy elite in Washington focuses on the 8,000 deaths in

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can continue to focus on serious moral questions in places that matter less.

====Lack of treaty ratification undermines leadership====

\*\*Nossel and Shorr 8\*\* (Suzanne,,- Suzanne

Nossel is a scholar affiliated with the Center for American Progress. From 1999 to

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Redefining American Leadership", The Stanley Foundation, September, pg 3, http://www.stanleyfoundation.org/publications/other/RedefinAmerLdshp.pdf)

Restoring the US role as a bulwark of the rules-based international order is

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institutions, or adhere consistently¶ to the principles that it espoused for others

====Heg solves global nuclear war====

Brooks, Ikenberry, and Wohlforth ~’13 (Stephen, Associate Professor of Government at

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. 3 (Winter 2012/13), pp. 7–51)

A core premise of deep engagement is that it prevents the emergence of a far

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that of potential rivals is by many measures growing rather than shrinking. 85

=Advantage 2 is Cooperation=

====U.S.-Mexico energy coop would allow North America to become more energy independent, but if THA does not pass by January the opportunity will be lost. ====

\*\*Williams October 3, 2013 \*\*

Williams, Justin (writer for Energy and Capital) "Investing in Mexico U.S. Oil Relations". [[http://www.energyandcapital.com/articles/investing-in-mexican-us-oil-relations/3890-http://www.energyandcapital.com/articles/investing-in-mexican-us-oil-relations/3890]] acc. Oct 8

If Congress does move forward on the agreement, it will be a test for

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U.S. And all of North America would reap the benefits.

====Without Mexican production America will not be able to reduce dependence on Middle Eastern oil. ====

\*\*Johnson ~’9 \*\*

Keith Johnson. "Oil Addiction: Don~’t Count on Mexico to Supplant Mid-East Crude". January 20, 2009. The Wall Street Journal. http://blogs.wsj.com/environmentalcapital/2009/01/20/oil-addiction-dont-count-on-mexico-to-supplant-mid-east-crude/

Whether the calls for reducing America~’s oil dependence on the Middle East that played such

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do production-sharing agreements there like they can in other oil regions.

====U.S. dependence on oil from outside North America risks multiple flash points for conflict.====

\*\*Rosen ~’10\*\*

Mark E. Rosen, Deputy General Counsel, CNA Corporation. LL.M

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. 44 U. Rich. L. Rev. 977. Lexis.

President Roosevelt~’s tacit agreement in 1945 with Saudi Arabia promising U.S. protection

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which the waters of the environmentally sensitive Indonesian archipelago would be held hostage.

====Energy independence will not upset global geopolitics, no risk of an impact to your disads, it only has positive possibilities for international coop. ====

\*\*Wood Mackenzie Sept 27 \*\*

Wood Mackenzie (global energy and mining consultancy group specializing in international research.) "Global Geopolitics to Be Reshaped by North American Energy Independence" [[http://www.oilandgastechnology.net/upstream-news/global-geopolitics-be-reshaped-north-american-energy-independence-says-wood-mackenzie-http://www.oilandgastechnology.net/upstream-news/global-geopolitics-be-reshaped-north-american-energy-independence-says-wood-mackenzie]] acc. Oct 10

Wood Mackenzie highlights that over the next few years, North America~’s energy independence will

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is no chance of an energy isolationist, rather an energy independent continent.

====Energy dependence has huge consequences for economic growth, national security, trade deficits and the federal budget====

\*\*Wescott and Swagel et al 2013\*\*

Wescott, Ph.D. president of Keybridge. Swagel Ph.D. School of public policy at Maryland and American. "Oil and the Debt" Sept. 23, 2013 [[http://www.aei.org/files/2013/09/23/-oil-and-the-debt\_174003485289.pdf-http://www.aei.org/files/2013/09/23/-oil-and-the-debt\_174003485289.pdf]] acc. Oct 10

When policymakers and researchers talk about the ¶ impacts of the nation~’s petroleum dependence,

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, resulting in a considerable increase in DOD~’s ¶ annual fuel spending.25

1. Energy cooperation is key to move U.S. companies away from corn ethanol to Mexican jatropha

Wood ~’10 – senior associate in the Americas program at CSIS

(Duncan, also director of the international relations program at Mexico~’s Autonomous Institute of Technology, Environment, Development and Growth: U.S.-Mexico Cooperation in Renewable Energies, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, December 2010, http://wilsoncenter.org/sites/default/files/Renewable%20Energy%20report.pdf)

To date, however, there has been only minor cooperation between the United States

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as paper, textiles, and rope, and is common across Mexico.

====Biofuels like corn ethanol raise food prices and decrease food security ====

\*\*Cunningham October 10 \*\*

Matt (freelance How Stuff Works) "10 Disadvantages of Biofuels" [[http://www.howstuffworks.com/fuel-efficiency/biofuels/10-disadvantages-of-biofuels.htm~~%23page=3-http://www.howstuffworks.com/fuel-efficiency/biofuels/10-disadvantages-of-biofuels.htm]]

Biofuel production using food crops such as corn, soybeans and sorghum has the potential

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price to pay for widespread biofuel integration into the world~’s energy supplies.

1. That causes extinction

Trudell ~’5 (Robert H., Fall, Trudell,  J.D. Candidate 2006, Food Security Emergencies And The Power Of Eminent Domain: A Domestic Legal Tool To Treat A Global Problem, 33 Syracuse J. Int~’l L. %26 Com. 277, Lexis)

2. But, Is It Really an Emergency?  In his study on environmental

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emergency and we must put that fuse out before it is too late.

=Spills =

====Gulf~’s ecosystems on the brink—plan key to solve another accident====

\*\*Craig ~’11 \*\*– Attorneys~’ Title Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Environmental Programs at Florida State University

(Robin Kundis, "Legal Remedies for Deep Marine Oil Spills and Long-Term Ecological Resilience: A Match Made in Hell", Brigham Young University Law Review, 2011, http://lawreview.byu.edu/articles/1326405133\_03craig.fin.pdf)

These results suggest that we should be very concerned for the Gulf ecosystems affected by

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that accomplish no less than a fundamental transformation of its safety culture." 173

====We just need to cooperate to solve spills- training is happening in the status quo====

\*\*Brady 2012\*\*

Brady, Jeff, NPR reporter and journalist, report published April 20th, 2012, "As Workers Age, Oil Industry Braces for Skills Gap" [[http://www.npr.org/2012/04/20/150871935/as-workers-age-oil-industry-braces-for-skills-gap-http://www.npr.org/2012/04/20/150871935/as-workers-age-oil-industry-braces-for-skills-gap]]

Two years after the Deepwater Horizon accident killed 11 men and sent oil spewing into

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of experienced workers retires and a new generation takes over — is ahead.¶

====These new regulations are key because PEMEX currently can~’t apply its environmental policies effectively. ====

\*\*Sellers Sept 11, 2013 \*\*

Sellers, Christopher (researcher and reporter) "Environmental Consequences of Privatizing PEMEX Oil". [[https://www.truth-out.org/news/item/18768-the-environmental-consequences-of-privatizing-mexicos-oil-https://www.truth-out.org/news/item/18768-the-environmental-consequences-of-privatizing-mexicos-oil]] acc. Oct 8

The damaging hand of state-run oil and petrochemical production on this region was

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most of these claims in the realm of the "merely" anecdotal.

Though Pemex itself supplies between 30 and 40 percent of the federal government~’s budget,

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on paper, they are not being effectively applied ("no se cumplen").

====The plan solves ——— the THA leads to safety coordination between the U.S. and Mexico====

\*\*Broder and Krauss ~’12 – \*\*business correspondents at the New York Times

(John M. and Clifford, "U.S. in Accord With Mexico on Drilling", The New York Times, 2-20-2012, http://www.nytimes.com/2012/02/21/world/americas/mexico-and-us-agree-on-oil-and-gas-development-in-gulf.html?\_r=1%26ref=americas)

WASHINGTON — The United States and Mexico reached agreement on Monday on regulating oil and

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to argue that his policies have led to a surge in domestic production.

====Joint inspection solves oversight —- key to safety even if there~’s no Western Gap development====

\*\*Padilla ~’12 – \*\*managing director at IPD Latin America

(John D. Padilla, "Q%26A: Is Mexico Prepared for Deepwater Drilling in the Gulf?", Inter-American Dialogue~’s Latin American Energy Advisor, 2/20/2012, http://repository.unm.edu/bitstream/handle/1928/20477/Is%20Mexico%20Prepared%20for%20Deepwater%20Drilling%20in%20the%20Gulf.pdf?sequence=1)

"The plan at issue is Pemex~’s intent to drill in the Perdido Foldbelt area

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compliance with safety and environmental laws. Will Mexico~’s Senate approve the accord?"

====Plan spills over past the border to environmental standardization in the entire Gulf of Mexico====

\*\*Velarde ~’12 – \*\*attorney and counselor-at-law

(Rogelio Lopez, held various positions at Pemex during 1988-1993, including that of Financial Advisor to the Finance Department, In-House Counsel in Houston, Texas, In-House Counsel in New York, and Head of the International Legal Department of Pemex. He was honored with the "Most Distinguished Attorney Award" of Pemex for the period 1990-1991, former Chairman of the Energy Committee of the Mexican Bar Association, and currently he is the President for the Latin America Chapter of the Association of the International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN), as Visiting Professor of Judicial Process on the Mexican Legal Studies Program at the University of Houston Law Center, and he is currently the director of the Energy Law Seminar organized between the Universidad Iberoamericana and the Mexican Bar Association. "US-Mexican treaty on Gulf of Mexico transboundary reservoirs", International Law Office, 3-19-2012, http://www.internationallawoffice.com/newsletters/Detail.aspx?g=b9326bf8-f27f-43ff-b45a-1b2b70ccb217%26redir=1)

Pemex has indicated that it has no information to confirm the existence of a transboundary

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) would agree to harmonise applicable standards only in respect of transboundary reservoirs.

====Redundant inspection teams solve —— US doesn~’t need enviro regs====

\*\*Baker ~’12 – \*\*publisher of Mexico Energy Intelligence

(George, "Q%26A: Is Mexico Prepared for Deepwater Drilling in the Gulf?", Inter-American Dialogue~’s Latin American Energy Advisor, 2/20/2012, http://repository.unm.edu/bitstream/handle/1928/20477/Is%20Mexico%20Prepared%20for%20Deepwater%20Drilling%20in%20the%20Gulf.pdf?sequence=1)

"The serious issues of corporate governance and regulation in the shadow of the Macondo

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safety and occupational safety to be carried out separately, by different teams."

====Gulf ecosystems are critical biodiversity hotspots and have a key effect on the world~’s oceans====

\*\*Brenner ~’8 – \*\*

(Jorge Brenner, "Guarding the Gulf of Mexico~’s valuable resources", SciDevNet, 3-14-2008, http://www.scidev.net/en/opinions/guarding-the-gulf-of-mexico-s-valuable-resources.html)

The Gulf Of Mexico is rich in biodiversity and unique habitats, and hosts the

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in the North Atlantic that helps to regulate the climate of western Europe.

====Ocean biod key to survival====

\*\*Craig 3\*\* - Attorneys~’ Title Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Environmental Programs at Florida State University

(Robin Kundis Craig, "ARTICLE: Taking Steps Toward Marine Wilderness Protection? Fishing and Coral Reef Marine Reserves in Florida and Hawaii," McGeorge Law Review, Winter 2003, 34 McGeorge L. Rev. 155)

Biodiversity and ecosystem function arguments for conserving marine ecosystems also exist, just as they

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its territory relatively pristine marine ecosystems that may be unique in the world.