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Good afternoon.

We have talked about the importance of this place, of this event, and that is foreign investment. And Tatiana is a great promoter of foreign investment and investment in general

But now we are talking about foreign investment, jobs, wages, benefits, the community life of those who, in balance between employers and workers. So, this topic is very interesting.

Minister Tatiana already said it here. The greatest promoter of foreign investment of our times is President Andrés Manuel López Obrador. Many people questioned: how is a left-wing politician like Andrés Manuel going to attract investment, especially from Canadians and Americans? Well, like in no previous government, investment have been made, the investment is created directly.

But the most important thing is what the Ministry also said in a context by the legislative government instances, called the Mexico-United States-Canada Agreement. And what does that mean? Well, it is the regulation of investment. And we in Mexico not only worked on the terms of specific paragraphs of the free trade agreement, but I also dealt with this matter while I was a senator, and then Tatiana and I, as legislators we dealt with the internal legislation, to protect the investment. If we don't protect, if we don't guarantee investment protection to foreigners, they won't invest when they come here, so we have to protect that investment. With the law, as Tatiana said, it's not a problem for friends. We say friends because we are friendly countries, but that is a matter of legality.

The best way to be reliable for investment in our country is to treat relations in strict adherence to the rule of law, to legality. The investment is protected. I must tell you that this free trade agreement also has a special feature in labor matters. The most active workers in the bargaining were not the Mexican workers, but the Canadian and US unions. They were the ones who said: Wait a minute, we have to include in this treaty -the conciliation panels were even made- rules for the purpose of how the unions work and should work with regard to the white unions. Canada and the United States said: we do not want conditions to continue having unions aligned with companies.

There is the labor reform to which Tatiana referred earlier, how are things defined now? Now, to elect union leaders you have to vote, the law says so. Not in the traditional conclaves. To decide if there is a strike, the workers have to decide with their direct vote as well. These conditions allow us to guarantee, first, that the investment is respected and second, that the rights of the workers are respected.

For us as a government it is essential that this company works, to stay open.

I want to say it clearly, because we are not here on whether or not the company has already signed a collective agreement. What we want to say is that in principle we

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are interested in the investment, and we are interested in the company having its doors open for workers. And the second thing is, we are interested in conciliation. Labor relations are conciliatory. That matters a lot. And walk there. And how do you walk there? Well, by balancing the interests of the company with the interests of the workers, and that is precisely what we want.

I am a personal friend of union leaders. Chayito, where are you? I didn't know her. But I just spoke in front of Tatiana with Senator Napoleón Gómez Urrutia, I raised the need to "walk". I said it when I took office, there he was. I am very interested in reaching an agreement to fix things in Cosalá because the 300 workers have to work and in the best conditions and they have to feed the families. We want this economic benefit to benefit the Cosalá community, but also Sinaloa.

Those are the principles for us. I would not come to promote the conflict, on the contrary, we tell what we want, the opening. The TMEC is the opening. These treaties came to change the closed economies that existed before in our country, and they are the openings. Turns that we have very attractive areas for investment, mining is one of them.

Sinaloa is a state with great mining potential, far more than what is currently being developed. And this is one, it is an investment line that guarantees good working conditions. That is why we are very interested in making work more dynamic here in this company. That interests can be reconciled and that we can continue celebrating that this company and Darren want to increase investment. We are very happy. We have talked very closely with the executives of the company that there is interest in expanding this.

This is for good. How are we going to do it? Well, generating that confidence that I was talking about a while ago. That is to say, that we have the possibility of walking more hand in hand.

I want to thank everyone, the workers, the people of Cosalá, the Mayor who is our host today, Darren and Daren. Manuel Rivera thank you, Gabriel Soto, thank you, and your help in the health matters is very important.

We have a problem with the covid tests, but even if we want to do the tests, we can't even get them. We have difficulty getting them and we are in that problem now, it is a very contagious wave. Fortunately, less lethal than the previous one, but contagious and that worries us.

Well, to all, Javier Gaxiola who is keeping an eye on this and is coordinating with Tatiana so that Tatiana can help us, and we can expand the area of people who can be benefited, people who need it most. It is not only the employment problem but also the issue of entrepreneurship in which we are very interested.

Well, Darren, we're happy. We are going to do everything possible, in strict respect for the laws and rights. We are going to do everything possible so that the company

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does not stop and continue production and that this economic contribution for the state remains really active and that, for me, the most important thing is the benefits through the workers. That the workers who work here can support their families and we are going to be keeping an eye on you.

Lastly, I saw a group of City Hall workers demanding a bonus payment and something else. I told the mayor that we are going to help her because, regarding workers, the president of the Republic says: income and the bonus for workers is sacred. First thing: employment. It is important to find employment, but it is also very important that workers are duly paid and that we comply: I am a boss, I do not have a factory nor a business, but I represent the state and Carla is a boss because she is the municipal president. And here Gabriel is the boss, with the responsibility that the business issue entails.

All of us have that responsibility and we must fulfill it to maintain not only the economic, but also the social and political balance of the state. Hugs and thank you very much for everything.

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