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Dear President Fox and President Bush:

We applaud your vision of a new era of cooperation between Mexico and the United States and wish you success in your meeting on Friday February 16, 2001. We congratulate you on your recognition that the human rights and welfare of Mexican migrants and immigrants deserve the highest priority on the bilateral agenda. As representatives of civil society organizations from both countries, we urge you to agree on a set of principles to serve as a framework for negotiations on the status of undocumented Mexicans resident in the United States, as well as the design of a temporary worker program.

We urge you to adopt the following principles:

1. Mexico-U.S. migration policy should be bilateral.
2. Any bilateral migration agreement must address the legalization of undocumented Mexicans resident in the United States.
3. Temporary worker agreements must ensure full labor and human rights protections and preserve family unity.
4. Temporary worker programs must include adequate mechanisms for the acquisition of permanent legal status.
5. The United States and Mexico should develop a comprehensive regional migration policy in consultation with Central American governments and civil society that includes economic development and the concept of labor mobility.

Sincerely yours,

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