



My return to Mexico

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Today, Mexico is facing a new reality. The will for change of the people in the last elections was expressed in an overwhelming call to demand a profound transformation of the marginalization, exploitation and abandonment of the large population centres towards a society with equality, justice, respect and opportunities that enable to escape from backwardness and put an end to corruption and insecurity.

In these conditions my return to Mexico brings great satisfaction and confidence to contribute to reach a more effective democracy, prosperity and peace in our country, ideals for which I have always fought. My family, which includes my fellow miners, my friends and all the people who participated for years to achieve this democratic triumph, are the force, enthusiasm and vision that link us together to get back to the right way of Mexico.

The Mining Union and its dignified, brave and exemplary struggle to protect labor and human rights of workers has been a global inspiration for those who defend their ideals with honesty. I reiterate to all of them my gratitude and commitment for the solidarity, humanity and friendship that they provided us.

Stay behind the miserable creatures who do not reach the category of human beings; poor in dignity and humanity, they look like what they have always been: empty bodies of ethical or moral quality. Even in the worst moments, they could never break us; the caste that has distinguished our organization kept us standing. We never kneel down before anything or anyone and we have walked upright and confident with our forehead and pride held up high.

Today, with the strength and dignity uplifted, I can say that we will take action in the legal entities with transparency to continue to be an example of democracy and trade union pride. As workers, miners, politicians and human beings, we are of good faith and we are up to this historic moment that we have already started together with the overwhelming decision of the people.

Thanks to the experience, knowledge and coexistence with the working class and the social movements, academics and intellectuals who have been part of our struggle, we have been able to address with great dignity, courage and intelligence the perverse and abrasive economic, social and political context of oppression and smear that forced us to leave Mexico, but we never really abandoned our homeland nor the cause that we defend.

From the Senate I will contribute to promote the change of economic policy to recover the potential of Mexico, as well as its creative and productive capability in order to diminish the insulting social inequality. That is to say, to promote a new model of shared responsibility in order to have an equal prosperity.

Andrés Manuel López Obrador, our President-elect, has had our full support to build and consolidate a comprehensive and sustainable development platform of our nation. Pseudo-leaderships squandered opportunities for our country and did not recognize nor value the capabilities of the people; today its smallness, myopia and greed are evident.

We will begin next to López Obrador a stage to rebuild Mexico from its bases, with work, intelligence, creativity and joy, as well as a dialogue in order to know what is best for us. I have never abandoned or betrayed the miners. I will remain faithful to my principles and ideals before all Mexicans.

I invite leaders from any field to close ranks and join efforts to respond to the historic opportunity we have as well as to the urgent call to lead the Mexican nation to be the power it deserves with economic dynamism, and with an open and wide range of opportunities related to the world of what is really possible, particularly when we are driven by the noblest causes in the face of the globalization process.

López Obrador has noted: as Mexicans we have a great cultural wealth. We have important natural resources, a privileged territory, and a highly qualified workforce; however, there has been a lack of honesty in governance.

We can tell Mexicans to trust and have patience. There is leadership and good faith, which, added to the overwhelming support of all, will allow us to continue making history. We must rebuild together the Mexico that has been waiting for a long time to be driven towards a new stage of welfare, security and prosperity.