

**Joint Declaration of Intent**  
**between**  
**the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy**  
**of the Federal Republic of Germany**  
**and**  
**the Ministry of Economy**  
**of the United Mexican States**  
**on Cooperation regarding Industrie 4.0 and Digital Policies**

The Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi) of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Ministry of Economy (SE) of the United Mexican States (“the Sides”),

- confirm their mutual interest in promoting bilateral economic relations in the field of Industrie 4.0 and digital policies;
- recognise in particular that digitalisation and linkage of the production processes along the value chains via the internet, a process referred to as “Industrie 4.0”, can boost the economies of both countries;
- emphasise that cooperation between industry-driven initiatives, companies, universities, and research institutions from both countries in the field of digitalisation and Industrie 4.0 might have a positive impact on the competitiveness of their industrial sectors, and
- recognise the importance of digitalisation and Industrie 4.0 in the global economic environment, especially on international multilateral platforms where both Sides interact, particularly the G20, WEF, ITU and OECD.

Therefore, the Sides have come to the following understanding:

***1. International Cooperation***

The Sides intend to:

- exchange views, goals, strategies, recommendations and best practices to encourage and support the government and private agencies in both countries to respond properly to the changes brought by digitalisation and in particular Industrie 4.0;
- make a sustained effort to promote, facilitate and support joint initiatives within their digital sectors, acknowledging the strength of the innovation capabilities in both countries;

- facilitate and encourage cooperation between the countries' industries, industry-driven initiatives, namely "*Plattform Industrie 4.0*" and the "Plataforma México I. 4.0", businesses and research institutions in the digital and industrial sector, and
- explore common interests and joint contributions in international fora and promote and coordinate activities in international organisations related to the areas of cooperation mentioned previously, with significant involvement of national organisations.

## **2. Cooperation Framework**

The Sides intend to set up a bilateral Digital Dialogue in order to intensify their exchange by holding regular consultations on Industrie 4.0 and digitalisation. These consultations may be prepared by specific Working Groups.

## **3. Areas of Cooperation**

The areas of cooperation should include, but not be limited to:

- Industrial cybersecurity
- International standardisation
- Industrie 4.0 testlabs
- Regulatory policy and international regulatory reform
- Internet governance
- Public and private entities in the digital sector
- Support for small and medium enterprises (SMEs)
- Development and training of human resources
- Research and development

It is the desire of both Sides to continually evaluate the progress of the possible cooperation mechanisms and identify the areas where further collaboration is required.

The Sides intend to invite relevant experts from the public and private sectors to contribute to the cooperation.

## **4. Financial Considerations**

The cooperation within this Joint Declaration of Intent is subject to and dependent on available funding and resources from each Side.

The Sides will assume the costs incurred by themselves, unless otherwise jointly decided in writing.

### **5. Cooperation Period**

It is the common understanding of the Sides that this Joint Declaration of Intent will be honoured during an initial five (5) years period, which may be extended for another period of the same length if the Sides express an interest in writing in this regard.

Either of the Sides can decide to discontinue the cooperation on the basis of this Joint Declaration of Intent. In this case, notice should be given in writing at least ninety (90) days prior to the intended discontinuation.

Signed in Hannover, Lower Saxony, Germany, on 23th of April of 2018.

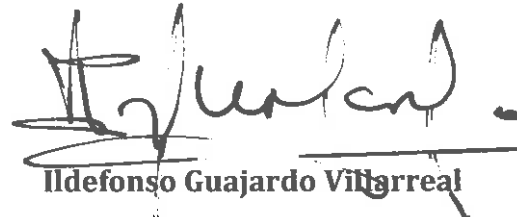
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