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Morelia signs Memorandum of Understanding

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Morelia Mayor Alfonso Martínez Alcázar delivers remarks at the MoU signing between USAID and Morelia..

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Reaffirming their commitment to improve citizen security and empower local communities, USAID and the Municipality of Morelia signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on June 21 to formalize Morelia's participation in the Juntos para la Prevención de la Violencia City Network. Under the MOU, the first of its kind signed by USAID in Mexico, Morelia will become one of four cities in the country that will receive technical assistance and capacity building in violence and crime prevention.

In an official gathering held outside Morelia's Municipal Palace, USAID Mexico Mission Director Richard Goughnour and Morelia Mayor Alfonso Martínez Alcázar signed the MOU, with representatives of the Federal, State, and local government present as well as key members of Morelia's private sector, academia and civil society. The new agreement would fortify violence prevention models that are informed by evidence and promote multi-sectoral collaboration with the private sector, academia and civil society, so that the municipality can better design, implement and evaluate prevention policies.

Regarding USAID's vision for violence prevention in the country, Goughnour said that he wishes Morelia and other Mexican municipalities can become local, national and international references in prevention by sharing their success stories and experiences as members of the JPV City Network. The event concluded with remarks by Morelia Mayor Ramírez Alcázar, who said that the MOU will help mainstream the way in which prevention data is conceived and exchanged within the government through more a strategic focus, so that the impact of successful prevention strategies may be measured and even replicated elsewhere.