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Foreword

The review of International Regulatory Co-operation (IRC) in Mexico was carried out by the OECD Public Governance Directorate under the auspices of the OECD Regulatory Policy Committee using the regulatory policy review methodology developed over two decades of peer learning. It builds on the OECD 2012 *Recommendation of the Council on Regulatory Policy and Governance*, which makes international regulatory co-operation (IRC) an integral part of quality regulation in today's globalised context. The review further draws from the OECD body of work on IRC and specific country and sector case studies developed since 2012.

This is the first in-depth international regulatory co-operation report undertaken by the OECD. The report is based on answers provided by the Ministry of Economy and several Mexican agencies to an OECD questionnaire, and on various meetings and interviews during two fact-finding missions. The review benefited from the insights of peer-reviewers from Canada, Chile and New Zealand. Two preliminary versions of the report were discussed in policy workshops with a wide range of Mexican public officials and business chamber representatives. The review was peer-reviewed in the OECD Regulatory Policy Committee.

The report supports the broader ambition of Mexico to improve the effectiveness of its regulatory framework to ensure more efficient and competitive markets. It was commissioned by Mexico's Ministry of Economy (Unit for Competition and Public Policies for the Efficiency of Markets) and can be read together with other OECD studies on Mexico's experience, such as the *Standard-Setting and Competition in Mexico: A Secretariat Report* and specific case studies as part of the OECD's Competition Assessment Project.

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International regulatory co-operation (IRC) represents an important opportunity for countries, and in particular domestic regulators, to consider the impacts of their regulations beyond their borders, expand the evidence for decision-making, learn from the experience of their peers, and develop concerted approaches to challenges that transcend borders. This report provides the first OECD assessment of a country's IRC framework and practices. Mexico's active efforts to embrace globalisation are reflected in many aspects of its domestic policies, practices and institutions. On one hand, it has undertaken unilateral efforts to embed international considerations in its domestic rule-making through regulatory improvement disciplines and with the consideration of international standards in the drafting of technical regulations. On the other hand, the Mexican government and individual regulators also engage extensively in co-operative efforts on regulatory matters, at the bilateral, regional and multilateral level. Based on the overview of Mexico's practices and comparison with other OECD countries, the review recommends three areas for improvement: designing a horizontal government-wide strategy for IRC, enhancing information about the tools and benefits of IRC, and offering the necessary tools to support systematic implementation of IRC.

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