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Concluding Remarks

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It is my pleasure to present the concluding remarks at the close of the Second Annual Conference of the United States-Mexico Law Institute. I think it is important to note that this Institute represents the cooperative efforts of the University of New Mexico School of Law and the Mexican Law Committee of the Section on International Law of the American Bar Association. The United States-Mexico Law Institute also welcomes to this conference the participation of the Asociación Nacional de Abogados de Empresa. It appears to me, talking to a number of individuals here, that the Second Annual Conference is a success. There are approximately one hundred and twenty people attending the conference; of that number, about twenty-five are Mexican lawyers. We solicit your views about how we can improve the conference for next year. Last year, we asked for suggestions about the way the conference could be improved, we listened to the suggestions and made improvements. I think those of you who attended last year’s conference can see the changes. One contribution from the First Annual Conference is the special issue of the New Mexico Law Review entitled, the United States-Mexico Law Journal. We will again take into account any suggestions you have to improve the Third Annual Conference next year.

Several individuals deserve special recognition for making the Institute and the second conference a success. First, I want to recognize the president of the Institute, and one of the founding members, John Stephenson, for all of his efforts and dedication to both the Institute and the conference. I would also like to recognize the vice president of the Institute, Christopher B. Bauman. Third, and most important, I would like to recognize the special contributions of Franklin E. Gill, who is the executive director of the United States-Mexico Law Institute. Professor Gill is also the secretary-treasurer of the Institute and a professor of law at our law school. Finally, I would like to recognize the students and the staff at the University of New Mexico School of Law who have assisted Professor Gill in putting on this conference and in publishing the United States-Mexico Law Journal.

Plans for the third conference will begin immediately. I hope we can meet your needs in providing a quality educational program, and that the results of these meetings will continue to be published in a journal so that the information can remain accessible to government officials, practicing lawyers and legal scholars.

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