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On Oct. 31, the Mexican Senate and Chamber of Deputies issued a resolution rejecting the anti-drug legislation recently approved by the US Congress. The congressional measure was in part an endorsement of a communique dispatched by the Mexican Foreign Minister on Oct. 29 to the US State Department. The diplomatic communique expressed Mexico City's irritation with open threats and pressures by Washington to influence Mexican efforts in the fight against drug trafficking. Legal provisions approved by the US Congress were referred to as "unfriendly," indicating that congresspersons were not well-informed on the realities of the Mexican situation. The joint resolution by the Mexican congress was supported by eight political parties, including the ruling Revolutionary Institutional Party (PRI). The only party which failed to approve the measure was the National Action Party (PAN). Some Mexican congresspersons complained that US anti-drug legislation, the oil import tax, and the possible expulsion of millions of undocumented Mexican workers from the United States are tantamount to sanctions in an attempt to force the government of President Miguel de la Madrid into modifying its policy on Central America. Sen. Silvia Hernandez de Galindo asserted that the Mexican government has already allocated substantial resources to curb drug trafficking on national territory. She added that such campaign is an issue of concern to Mexicans only. Chairman of the Border Affairs Commission, Romeo Flores, said the United States should not "scold" Mexico for deficiencies that Washington itself is guilty of. He was referring to the inability of US authorities to effectively limit the distribution, sale and consumption of drugs by US citizens.

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