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 Subcommittee Hearing: Examining FY 2017 Funding Priorities in the Western Hemisphere

Congressman Lowenthal also raised Iguala the case at the hearing, about minute 52 thru 56 is exchange (basically with Paco but AID and INL also chimed in).

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Rep Lowenthal noted a “recent” letter to Sec State on Iguala (I assume he meant last years’ letter) and referred to the April 24th Experts report and their assertion that GOM had failed to fully cooperate with them. He asked several times how this impacts our assistance to Mexico, “do we condition our assistance on such cooperation.”

Paco gave the standard TPs noting the report, commending the work of the experts. When asked if the HR situation is improving he said it was complicated and cited the ongoing process of justice reform as an example of improvement. Again asked by L if Iguala Experts report should impact our assistance, USAID Hogan noted AID is helping to fund the HR protective mechanism. Arreaga added that we recognize the challenge, and that is why we are there, again pointing to the transition to the accusatory system in Mexico and noting that is going to take time. Paco referred to the Bilat HR dialogue where we raise HR issues with GOM.

Lowenthal concluded RE Iguala and experts: “I am terribly disappointed” referring to USG “lack of response”

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