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AY 2017-2018 PROSPECTIVE RESEARCH TOPIC NOMINATION

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| *CLASSIFICATION: | UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO |
| *RESEARCH TOPIC TITLE: | As North American defense evolves what role does Mexico play? |
| *TOPIC DESCRIPTION | Historically Mexico has not been part of the formal defense of North America. |
| *DATE SUBMITTED (YYYY-MM-DD) | 2017-05-30 |
| *EXTENDED TOPIC DESCRIPTION | NORAD, USNORTHCOM, and Canadian Joint Operations Command (CJOC) are becoming further integrated into an evolving and effective defense arrangement, functional in multiple domains. What roles and capabilities can Mexico offer as a partner within this new framework? Research should explore the political sensitivities of the NORAD agreement and the willingness to expand the cooperative defense of North America to include Mexico. Additionally, the research should explore at what pace and timetable could Mexican capabilities be integrated into North American defense. Mexican constitutional and national will may be challenges and should be accounted for but not limiting to the research. |
| *DESIRED OBJECTIVES OF THE RESEARCH | Outline a possible future state where Canada, Mexico, and the United States actively participate in the Cooperative Defense of North America. |
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