

# AY 2020-2021 PROSPECTIVE RESEARCH TOPIC NOMINATION

<b>CLASSIFICATION:</b>	<b>UNCLASSIFIED</b>
<b>*RESEARCH TOPIC TITLE:</b>	Coronavirus Impacts to Mexican Military and National Guard Security Missions
<b>*TOPIC DESCRIPTION:</b>	How have expanding mission requirements for Mexico's security forces (SEDENA, SEMAR and GN) impacted their collective security and counter drug missions and what effect did it have on Transnational Criminal Organizations?
<b>*DESIRED OBJECTIVES:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify in what ways the COVID-19 and post COVID-19 environment changed how SEDENA, SEMAR and Mexico National Guard conducted their respective security missions.</li> <li>• Identify how the coronavirus pandemic strengthened or weakened TCO's throughout Mexico</li> </ul>
<b>EXTENDED TOPIC DESCRIPTION :</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How did COVID-19 directly degrade the SEDENA, SEMAR and MNG workforce?</li> <li>• To what degree were financial and human resources shifted from the military's traditional security mission to support GOMs COVID-19 response?</li> <li>• How was domestic methamphetamine production, fuel theft, poppy/marijuana identification and eradication impacted? (decrease/increase?)</li> <li>• What was the impact to drug related violence, i.e. worsened, lessened?</li> <li>• How were arrest, detention and inspection operations of high level cartel operatives and other members of their organizations impacted?</li> <li>• Has the pandemic enabled DTOs to exert greater power within their areas of influence? If so, how?</li> <li>• How was unit sustainability impacted under elevated operating conditions? (rest, refit, retrain)</li> </ul>
<b>* REQUESTING/SPONSORING ORGANIZATION:</b>	Joint Task Force North – J2
<b>*SUBMISSION DATE:</b>	7 August 2020
<b>DESIRED COMPLETION DATE:</b>	8 August 2021
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