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REMARKS BY PRESIDENT OBAMA
AND PRESIDENT CALDERÓN OF MEXICO
AT JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE

East Room

***Please note the correction to the President's remarks below.

1:17 P.M. EST

PRESIDENT OBAMA: Good afternoon. I am delighted to welcome my friend and partner, President Calderón, back to the White House. I want to discuss our meeting today and then address the situation in Libya.

President Calderón was last here, along with First Lady Señora Zavala, for a very productive state visit last spring -- a visit that reflected the new era of respect and cooperation and partnership between our two countries. We've since worked together as global partners at the G20 summits in Toronto and Seoul and at the APEC Summit in Yokohama. And I very much appreciate President Calderón being here today to deepen the cooperation that is so essential to the prosperity and security of both of our countries.

Of course, the relationship between the United States and Mexico isn't measured just in the partnership between two Presidents. It's evident every day in the strong bonds between our two societies. It's the thousands of people who work together, at every level -- federal, states and community levels -- to keep our citizens safe, to keep our economies growing. It's the tens of thousands of students and teachers and researchers in exchanges between our schools and our universities.

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