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See this grilling of Mx Foreign Minister by the PRI. At the bottom is the following: • About Fast and Furious plan failed, denied that Mexico has quietly given the seriousness of the issue. "There was a silence from the government, there was an immediate reaction. This is a serious situation, and if it is confirmed that the operation involved the transfer of weapons across borders, is unacceptable and demand that those responsible are punished with the weight of the law," he said.

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Below is a google translation of an article in Universal about the foreign secretary's appearance before Mexico's congress and the political attacks on the Calderon administration's collaboration with the US. I think it is a sign of things to come as things gear up for the elections in Mexico.

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SRE accused of ceding sovereignty
Senators PRI, PRD and PT failed foreign policy of Mexico by the attitude of "complacency and contingency" in U.S. relations

Xicotencatl. Patricia Espinosa, head of the Foreign Ministry, appeared before senators for more than three hours. In the picture, Ricardo Garcia, Manlio Fabio Beltrones and Núñez (Photo: HOC)

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The senators of the Republic failed the course of Mexico's foreign policy and criticized the angry diplomat contingency attitude of the country in the relationship with the United States, for the warmth and satisfaction with which the federal government has responded operations that violate the national sovereignty on the grounds of bilateral cooperation in combating drug trafficking and organized crime.

Appearing before the Senate, Patricia Espinosa, head of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (SRE), retorted that Mexico has not lost leadership or accept impositions of any country which affect the sovereignty. He acknowledged that the United States is a complex relationship, and "irritants" that have led to claims by diplomacy on issues of concern, as was the case in rejecting the statements of Robert Mueller, FBI director, who on Wednesday questioned the success of fight anti-narco.

On the topics that dominated the hearing, the officer argued that the overflights of unmanned aircraft of the United States do not violate national sovereignty and executive power that is authorized. Regarding the operation Fast and furious, said that if investigations confirm that allowed the illegal trafficking of arms into the country, will require the U.S. government to enforce the law against those responsible.

However, after more than three hours of the session, the former Foreign Minister Rosario Green regretted that Patricia Espinosa has been unable to answer questions from the senators: "It's always the same. Bring your written leaves insistently. He could not say the senator determined, or this one, could not, because it brings a script, because you can not step out of line, if not given a pescuezón President."

In the end, only the PAN tried to shelter the official.

Sovereignty is violated: legislators

The opposition parties were the first to establish its position. And failed harshly criticized the way it has handled foreign policy. They also asked for clarification on the status of U.S. Ambassador Carlos Pascual, who apparently is no longer a viable partner, and has access to inside information, as shown by WikiLeaks cables. At this point, the chancellor said only that the leaks did affect the relationship with Mexico.

Ricardo Monreal, PT Coordinator, charged that Mexico's foreign policy is a disaster and is in the ground. "Criticized that "the tolerance of the chancery to the illegal operations are not sample of a bilateral relationship of cooperation. Are an example of a subordinate and cowardly attitude. It is similar to that of a military colony occupied: there is a chancery, but a messaging procedures."

Former Foreign Minister Rosario Green, on behalf of the PRI, criticized in the bilateral relationship "never before had delivered both, with results not so mediocre. What is not understood are the reasons to brag. " Above all, he said, when Mexico has acted "warmth" to cases like Fast and Furious operation.

The coordinator of Convergence, Dante Delgado, said the chancellor "has played dance with the ugliest. It is up to your responsibility to correct mistakes, lack of motion and commitment to the homeland of a Federal Executive violates all norms of diplomatic behavior."

Mexico controls overflights: SRE

Turn came a nervous Espinosa to respond to criticism. He said that "in the relationship with the United States, as with any country in the world, Mexico does not accept impositions, Mexico does not accept any conditions that violate the sovereignty and national interest" and repeated several times that the country is respected and recognized in the world.

Acknowledged that bilateral relations "are going through a complex task of addressing seriously. We can not deny that there are irritants such as in the past, there difficult situations, as we have had throughout history with the United States, which must now be addressed as a priority."

On overflights of unmanned aircraft in U.S. national airspace, operational details are reserved for security, but made clear they are controlled by the Mexican government, and that the machines do not have weapons

He said that "limited and specific occasions has requested the support of unmanned flight for intelligence. These are concrete actions that have been controlled by the government of Mexico is not a permanent program, and out of missions requested had not allowed these devices to the national airspace."

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