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**The Washington Office on Latin America
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are pleased to invite you to:

Drug Policy in Mexico:

Examining Mexico's efforts to reduce drug use and the impacts of Mexico's new drug laws

Featuring:

Jorge Hernández Tinajero

President of the Collective for an Integral Drug Policy in Mexico (CUPIHD)
UNAM professor and specialist on drug policy in Mexico

Carlos Zamudio

A member of CUPIHD and a specialist on drug consumption and small-scale drug dealing in Mexico

Ana Paula Hernández

A member of CUPIHD and a specialist in drug policy and human rights in Mexico

Introduction and Moderation:

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Commentary:

Maureen Meyer, Associate for Mexico and Central America, WOLA

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The Mexican government's efforts to address drug-trafficking and violence in the country have been a major focus of attention by the media and in Washington. By comparison, there has been less attention to recent changes in Mexico's national drug laws and its efforts to grapple with the growing domestic demand for drugs. In August 2009, Mexico adopted a new law against small-scale drug dealing which decriminalizes the possession of small amounts of drugs for personal consumption, while also giving state-level police the authority to apprehend small-scale dealers and toughening sentences for street-level drug sales offenses. At the same time, the Mexican government has stepped up its efforts to address domestic drug consumption, including with programs supported by U.S. assistance.

Please join our expert panel to gain a better understanding of the dynamics of drug consumption and domestic drug policy in Mexico and how they come into play in the context of U.S.-Mexico relations.

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