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POSITION OF MEXICO REGARDING WATER FLOW CRISISES WORLDWIDE



General information

Mexico shares multiple rivers with the US, which are regulated through treaties. Because of a drought in the last years, there has been less water which led to conflicts between the countries.

In the West the Colorado river originates in the USA. The countries agreed to a reduced water volume supplied to Mexico, due to the drought.

In the East the Río Brava (aka. Rio Grande) originates in Mexico. In the last years Mexico has not been able to supply the US with the agreed water volume. This has led to a big conflict, especially with the Trump Administration.

A part of the problem is that the water consumption has increased, mainly due to the cultivation of water intensive plants like avocado.

Position on the matter

The current treaties are not designed for long periods of drought. They should be modernized to account for such situations and respect the Mexican sovereignty and water consumption of Mexico's population and economy.

Proposed solutions

Mexico might propose a standardized treaty concept which respects the water consumption of all involved countries and especially accounts for droughts.

Potential Blocks

All countries that are interested in regulating rivers through multilateral treaties.

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