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Establishing the Select Committee to Defeat the Mexican Drug Cartels.

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RESOLUTION

Establishing the Select Committee to Defeat the Mexican
Drug Cartels.

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. SELECT COMMITTEE TO DEFEAT THE MEXICAN**
3 **DRUG CARTELS.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT; COMPOSITION.—

5 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby estab-
6 lished in the House of Representatives a Select Com-
7 mittee to Defeat the Mexican Drug Cartels (herein-

1 after in this section referred to as the “Select Com-
2 mittee”).

3 (2) COMPOSITION.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Select Committee
5 shall be composed of not more than 21 Mem-
6 bers, Delegates, or the Resident Commissioner
7 appointed by the Speaker, not more than 10 of
8 whom shall be appointed after consultation with
9 the minority leader. The Speaker shall des-
10 ignate one member of the Select Committee as
11 its chair. A vacancy in the membership of the
12 Select Committee shall be filled in the same
13 manner as the original appointment.

14 (B) OTHER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS.—

15 The Select Committee shall include at least one
16 majority Member, delegate, or the resident com-
17 missioner from each of the following commit-
18 tees:

19 (i) The Committee on Appropriations.

20 (ii) The Committee on the Judiciary.

21 (iii) The Committee on Homeland Se-
22 curity.

23 (iv) The Committee on Armed Serv-
24 ices.

1 (v) The Committee on Financial Serv-
2 ices.

3 (C) DESIGNATION OF LEADERSHIP STAFF
4 MEMBER.—The Speaker and the minority lead-
5 er each may designate a leadership staff mem-
6 ber to assist in their capacity as ex officio mem-
7 bers, with the same access to Select Committee
8 meetings, hearings, briefings, and materials as
9 employees of the Select Committee and subject
10 to the same security clearance and confiden-
11 tiality requirements as staff of the Select Com-
12 mittee.

13 (b) JURISDICTION; FUNCTIONS.—

14 (1) LEGISLATIVE JURISDICTION.—The Select
15 Committee shall not have legislative jurisdiction and
16 shall have no authority to take legislative action on
17 any bill or resolution.

18 (2) INVESTIGATIVE JURISDICTION.—The sole
19 authority of the Select Committee shall be to inves-
20 tigate and submit policy recommendations on the op-
21 erations and capabilities of the Mexican drug cartels,
22 to include the international networks that facilitate
23 and enable the Mexican drug cartels and the United
24 States, Mexican, and other government efforts to
25 target and defeat the cartels. The Select Committee

1 may, at its discretion, hold public hearings in con-
2 nection with any aspect of its investigative functions.

3 (c) PROCEDURE.—

4 (1) Clause 11(b)(4), clause 11(e), and the first
5 sentence of clause 11(f) of rule X shall apply to the
6 Select Committee.

7 (2) Except as specified in paragraph (4), the
8 Select Committee shall have the authorities and re-
9 sponsibilities of, and shall be subject to the same
10 limitations and restrictions as, a standing committee
11 of the House, and shall be deemed a committee of
12 the House for all purposes of law or rule.

13 (3)(A) Rules X and XI shall apply to the Select
14 Committee where not inconsistent with this sub-
15 section.

16 (B) Service on the Select Committee shall not
17 count against the limitations in clause 5(b)(2) of
18 rule X.

19 (C) Clause 2(d) of rule X shall not apply to the
20 Select Committee.

21 (D) Clause 2(g)(2)(D) of rule XI shall apply to
22 the Select Committee in the same manner as it ap-
23 plies to the Permanent Select Committee on Intel-
24 ligence.

25 (d) RECORDS; STAFF; TRAVEL; FUNDING.—

1 (1) The appointment and the compensation of
2 staff for the Select Committee shall be subject to
3 regulations issued by the Committee on House Ad-
4 ministration.

5 (2)(A) Staff of employing entities of the House
6 or a joint committee may be detailed to the Select
7 Committee to carry out this resolution and shall be
8 deemed to be staff of the Select Committee.

9 (B) The Select Committee may request the
10 head of any Federal agency to detail, on a nonreim-
11 bursable basis, any of the personnel of the agency to
12 the Select Committee.

13 (3) Section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorga-
14 nization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i)) shall apply
15 with respect to the Select Committee in the same
16 manner as such section applies with respect to a
17 standing committee, except that the selection of any
18 consultant or organization under such section shall
19 be subject to approval by the Speaker.

20 (e) REPORTING.—The Select Committee may report
21 to the House or any committee from time to time the re-
22 sults of its investigations and studies, together with such
23 detailed findings, policy recommendations, and legislative
24 proposals as it may deem advisable. All such reports shall
25 be submitted to the House by December 31, 2026. All pol-

1 icy recommendations shall be submitted to the relevant
2 standing committees not later than December 31, 2025.
3 The Select Committee shall submit all legislative proposals
4 to the relevant standing committees not later than 60 days
5 after their adoption by the Select Committee.

6 (f) PUBLICATION.—

7 (1) The Select Committee shall ensure that re-
8 ports and proposals prepared in accordance with this
9 subsection shall, upon completion, be made available
10 to the general public in widely accessible formats not
11 later than 30 calendar days following the respective
12 dates for completion set forth in subsection (e).

13 (2) Any report issued by the Select Committee
14 shall be issued in unclassified form but may include
15 a classified annex, a law enforcement-sensitive
16 annex, or both.

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