

The fires of war are raging across the globe. It is our responsibility to put them out and stop them before they start.

In the last few weeks, troubling news from [The New York Times](#),^[1] investigative journalist [Ken Klippenstein](#),^[2] and other new outlets report that the Trump Administration is seriously considering unilateral military action on Mexican soil. This act would violate the United Nations Charter and International Law. The National Lawyers Guild's San Antonio chapter is unequivocally against this potential violation of Mexico's sovereignty.

The war on drugs in the United States and Mexico is interrelated. Each country has its own role to play, *within its own borders*, to fight the scourge of violence and despotism inherent in the illegal drug trade of our shared society. This does not mean these nations cannot cooperate on this front. In fact, they are, and President Claudia Sheinbaum has [demonstrated a willingness](#) ^[3] to continue this mutually beneficial partnership.

Unilateral military actions would set relations between the nations back to the [Punitive Expedition](#) ^[4] of the late 1910s. Our nations have come so far since then, and the mutual respect for each nation's political sovereignty was the keystone to that successful diplomacy. The Trump Administration was supported by many who wanted to end wars, not start them. Peace and an end to global hostilities were strong pillars of Donald Trump's campaign for reelection, **"When I'm back in the White House, we will expel the warmongers, the profiteers ... and we will restore world peace."**^[5] Furthermore, the Trump Administration's recent (and likely illegal) attack on an alleged Tren de Aragua boat off the coast of Venezuela suggests that the war mongers are in control.^[6] What the Trump Administration is proposing against its neighbor and friend completely contradicts President Trump's pledge to restore world peace, and we directly call on the President to reconsider.

We cannot acquiesce in the face of such hostilities. To cower now and allow war to harm the social and economic fabric of both great nations is unacceptable. We call on our elected officials to do everything in their power to speak out and stop this disastrous policy. Use your bully pulpit and amplify the voices of peace throughout your community. The blowback from this militarism will be felt most acutely by the border states, and it is disquieting that more is not being said or done by our elected officials. Do more, say more, stand for the rule of law, and help your community organize against this disastrous policy.

[1] See Helen Cooper, Maggie Haberman, Charlie Savage, & Eric Schmitt, *Trump Directs Military to Target Foreign Drug Cartels*, THE NEW YORK TIMES (Aug. 8, 2025), <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/08/08/us/trump-military-drug-cartels.html> (reporting that President Sheinbaum rejected President Trump's proposal to allow the U.S. military to fight drug cartels on Mexico's soil).

[2] See Ken Klippenstein, Military Preparing Attacks on Mexican Cartels
“<https://www.kenklippenstein.com/p/military-preparing-attacks-on-mexican>, see also
https://www.kenklippenstein.com/p/pentagon-confirms-my-story-on-mexico?r=i413&utm_campaign=post&utm_medium=web”

[3] See, *Mexico’s President Claudia Sheinbaum denies knowledge of US drug initiative*, Al Jazeera (Aug. 19, 2025)
<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2025/8/19/mexicos-president-claudia-sheinbaum-denies-knowledge-of-us-drug-initiative> (reporting that President Sheinbaum is “actively working with the Trump administration to cement a border security agreement, based on mutual acknowledgements of sovereignty and respectful coordination.”).

[4] See, Pancho Villa Expedition, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pancho_Villa_Expedition (as of Sep. 3, 2025).

[5] See Zachary B. Wolf, CNN, Trump promised a peacemaker presidency. What happened?
“<https://www.cnn.com/2025/06/18/politics/trump-peacemaker-iran-israel-conflict-analysis>”

[6] See, Matt Murphy & Joshua Cheetham, US strike on 'Venezuela drug boat': What do we know, and was it legal?, BBC (Sep. 3, 2025), <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cdjzw3gplv7o> (reporting that a range of international and maritime law experts believe that the United States attack may have been illegal).