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The EU, through its Delegation in Mexico, closely followed the recent judicial elections and maintained regular contact with Mexican authorities and other stakeholders throughout the process. Both domestic stakeholders and international observers raised some concerns about the low voter turnout and the complexity of the process. However, despite operating with a limited budget and under time constraints, the Mexican National Electoral Institute (INE) conducted the elections in an orderly manner. According to official data¹, electoral authorities have so far received approximately 300 complaints, with decisions still pending as the deadline for submitting claims is 28 August 2025.

The EU fully respects Mexico's sovereign right to determine its judicial system. In its dialogue with Mexican counterparts, the EU has emphasised that an efficient, impartial, and independent judiciary is a cornerstone of the rule of law in any democracy. It also plays an important role in fostering a favourable environment for business, investment, and in guaranteeing legal certainty.

Democracy and the rule of law are shared fundamental values underpinning the EU-Mexico Strategic Partnership² and the EU-Mexico Global Cooperation Agreement³ in force since 2000. These principles are also central to the Modernised Global Agreement, whose signature and conclusion remain a priority for the EU. The new agreement aims to deepen cooperation, better address common challenges, and broaden both political and economic ties.

The EU remains committed to working with and supporting Mexico in promoting democracy, strengthening the rule of law, and tackling security issues, including the fight against organised crime.

¹ https://www.te.gob.mx/eleccion_2025/.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52008DC0447>.

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=LEGISSUM:r14011>.