

Resolution providing for the permanent armed force to carry out security tasks

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On May 11, 2020, a Decree was published on the Official Gazette by which the President of Mexico established that the Armed Forces (Army, Marine, and Air Force) shall permanently carry out public security tasks along with the National Guard, in an extraordinary, regulated, supervised, subordinate and complementary manner (the "Decree"), for a period that will not exceed 5 years. The previous, results from the fact that the National Guard is currently at a period of implementation and total development of its capabilities, for which it is barred from properly complying such functions.

The Secretaries of Citizen Security and Protection, National Defense and the Navy, will be in charge of implementing the tasks of the Armed Forces for its permanent assistance, which are:

- To prevent the commission of crimes and administrative offenses;
- To safeguard people's integrity and wealth;
- To guarantee, maintain and restore order and social peace;
- To carry out detentions and seizure of goods related to criminal acts;
- To collaborate with other federal authorities in surveillance, verification and inspection tasks attributed by legal disposition;
- To collaborate with competent local and municipal authorities in the protection of the physical well-being of people and the preservation of their goods when threatened by situations involving violence or imminent risks.

The following capacities are exclusive for the National Guard:

- To conduct investigations related to the prevention of crimes;
- To carry out verification tasks to prevent administrative infractions;
- To carry out undercover operations, as well as operations carried out by simulated operators for the prevention of crimes;
- To comply with detention warrants and ministerial and jurisdictional mandates.

The Decree will be in force from May 12, 2020, to March 27, 2024, since the 5-year period begins with the enforcement of the Constitutional Reform in relation with the National Guard, published on March 26, 2019, on the Official Gazette, which in its Fifth Transitional section allows the participation of the Armed Forces in public security tasks.

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