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**Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association Statement**

The undersigned members of the Executive Committee of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association ([LACEA](#)) hereby express their great dismay over the recent set of actions led by Conacyt and the Mexican Government against [CIDE](#) (Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas). We also condemn the broader attacks on and suppression of the freedom of academics nationwide in Mexico. (More details can be found at [El País](#) and [Los Angeles Times](#).)

The continuous assault on CIDE silences, degrades and punishes those carrying out important academic work on the impacts of government policies on the Mexican population. For five decades, CIDE has been one of the leading academic institutions of Latin America, consistently producing top quality research on policies and programs in Mexico, which are published in peer reviewed outlets, both nationally and internationally. With a number of undergraduate and graduate programs, CIDE is also a center of excellence for training the next generation of scholars, and has provided invaluable opportunities to students from disadvantaged backgrounds. The damage being done to CIDE and to Mexico is immense and not easily repaired. We call upon the authorities to immediately cease their hostilities toward the institution and to allow our colleagues to continue their academic missions.

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