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### **Acting Attorney General Matthew G. Whitaker Statement Regarding the Administration's Agreement with Mexico**

Acting Attorney General Matthew G. Whitaker today released the following statement:

"Because of loopholes in our laws, tens of thousands of illegal aliens have been able to enter this country, make meritless asylum claims, and then be released and disappear into the United States. But the Trump administration has been taking steps to close these loopholes and eliminate the incentives to come here illegally. Today the Trump Administration has taken an historic step that will reverse the trends and help restore the rule of law at the border. The Department of Justice will do its part and ensure that we make available the necessary and appropriate resources in light of this historic agreement. Thanks to this and other Trump Administration decisions, the days of our generosity being abused are coming to an end."

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