**Listening Exercise 122**

Security

1 minute 30 seconds

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Guidelines:

A. Review the questions

C. Listen to the audio twice (double click the WMA audio icon)

D. Answer the questions

F. Refer to the answers and transcript to confirm your responses and gauge understanding

G. Listen to the audio again while simultaneously reading the audio transcript.



**Questions**

1. How can Mexico learn from Colombia to improve security?
   1. Human rights and victims’ rights
   2. Investigations of the police and military
   3. Special operations and intelligence
   4. Weapons and tactics
2. What is the objective of bilateral cooperation between Mexico and Colombia?
   1. Consumer rights advocacy
   2. Combating drug trafficking
   3. Economic investment and reform
   4. Rights to prosecute criminals
3. Who provided Colombia the experience it wants to share with Mexico?
   1. Europe
   2. Self-taught
   3. United Kingdom
   4. United States
4. Which of the following does the speaker NOT mention as being necessary?
   1. Repetition
   2. Justice
   3. Reparation
   4. Truth
5. Which best describes the tone of the male speaker?
   1. Conviction
   2. Matter-of-fact
   3. Judgmental
   4. Skeptical
6. The advice offered is characterized as:
   1. Constitutional
   2. Critical
   3. Legal
   4. Practical

**Transcript**

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| Eh . . . ¿De qué manera, en este momento, México podría retomar lo mejor del Plan Colombia? | Eh. . . How, at this moment, could Mexico take the best of Plan Colombia? |
| Yo creo que lo podría retomar en dos aspectos vitales. El primero de ellos está relacionado con…eh… garantías en materia de …eh… derechos humanos. El estado colombiano, especialmente a finales de la década de los noventa del siglo pasado y el comienzo de este siglo, …eh… no existía una política claramente definida para garantizar los derechos humanos, y creo que el Plan Colombia abrió un espacio muy importante para el debate y para buscar mejores garantías relacionadas con ello. Y en segundo lugar es del tema…eh…de la… de la justicia en materia de víctimas. Nosotros en las últimas décadas creo que no tuvimos cuidado especial en poner a las víctimas del delito en un lugar especial en las investigaciones penales. Creo que eso es otro punto importante que donde se puede aprovechar…eh…la experiencia norte americana. Las víctimas, hoy día, no solamente ocupan el lugar más importante al momento de resarcir sus derechos, sino de una manera particular al que las víctimas tienen derecho a verdad, justicia, reparación, y garantía de no repetición. Y yo creo que eso es un tema que se puede discutir en México. | I think it could take away two critical aspects. The first one is related to. . uh. . guarantees in the field of. . uh. . human rights. The Colombian state, especially at the end of the decade of the nineties of the last century and the beginning of this century, uh. . there was no clearly defined policy to ensure human rights, and I think Plan Colombia opened an important space for discussion and seeking better guarantees related to it. And secondly is the issue. . uh. . of . . of victims’ justice. In recent decades I believe we didn’t take special care to put victims of crime in a special place in criminal investigations. I think that's another important point where you can take advantage. . uh. . North America’s experience. Victims, today, not only occupy the most important place when they claim their rights, but in such a way that victims have the right to truth, justice, compensation and guarantees of non-repetition. And I think that's an issue that can be discussed in Mexico. |
| Uy, yes. Te agradezco mucho esas reflexiones sobre lo que significó, para usted, ese Plan Colombia, lo que puede significar la cooperación bilateral en el caso del combate al narcotráfico en México. Doctor Jairo Libreros, investigador de la Universidad de Bogotá, gracias, buenos días.  Muchas gracias, feliz día. | Oh, yes. I really appreciate these reflections on what it meant to you, Plan Colombia, what bilateral cooperation can mean in the case of combating drug trafficking in Mexico. Dr. Jairo Libreros, a researcher at the University of Bogotá, thank you, good morning.  Thank you very much, good day. |

**Vocabulary**

Retomar pick up, continue, get from

Vitales vital, critical

política policy

tema theme, topic, subject

delito crime, offense

investigación penal criminal investigation

aprovechar to take advantage of

resarcir to redress, compensate

investigador researcher