

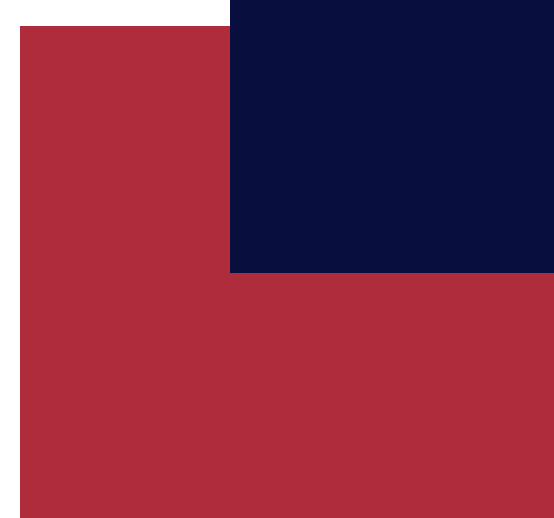


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Implemented in 2007, the Mérida Initiative represents the most significant security cooperation effort between Mexico and the United States to date. When compared with previous efforts, the initiative stands out in terms of its truly bilateral character, its emphasis on shared responsibility, and the levels of trust and collaboration promoted by both governments. In 1969, for instance, the U.S. government launched Operation Intercept, a unilateral measure that had the explicit aim of shutting down the border with Mexico in order to stop the flow of drugs coming from the south. Although subsequent operations involved more concerted efforts, including operations Canador (1970-1975), Trizo (1975-1976), and Condor (1977-1987), the goals and priorities of these anti-drug policies were by and large det





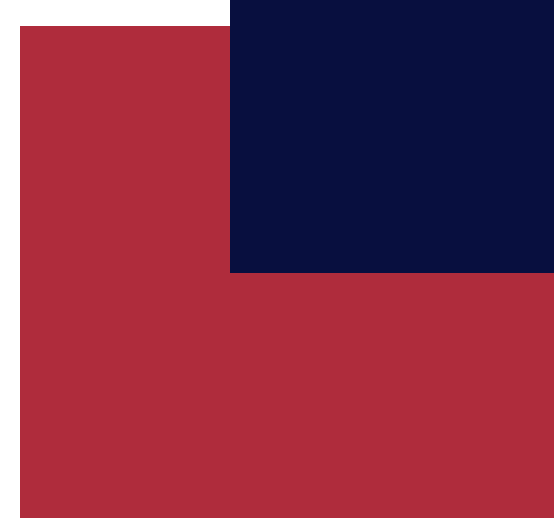


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