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THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND THE FEDERAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS INSTITUTE SIGN A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT FOR THE USE OF DECLARANET

- **This agreement moves toward transparency and accountability**

The Undersecretary of Administrative Responsibilities and Public Procurement, Manager of the Office of the Ministry of Public Service (*Secretaría de la Función Pública*, SFP), Julián Olivas Ugalde, and the Commissioner President of the Federal Telecommunications Institute (*Instituto Federal de Telecomunicaciones*, IFT) Gabriel Contreras Saldívar, signed a partnership agreement for the use of the DeclaraNet online service.

Olivas Ugalde pointed out that it is very important that constitutionally autonomous bodies, as in the case of IFT, recently created by our legal system, comply with their obligations and that the signing of this agreement moves toward transparency and accountability.

He said that this works toward a more user-friendly system for public officials who access the system to submit their corresponding assets declaration with their undertakings.

The Manager of the Office of the SFP explained that DeclaraNet is a mechanism that assists in the investigation of irregularities under the responsibilities of public servants, and pointed out that audits, complaints and allegations in many cases would not be accounted for without an additional tool for asset statements.

In turn, IFT Commissioner President, Gabriel Contreras Saldívar, thanked the support provided by SFP to simplify the fulfillment of returns that the Constitution and the Law states for public servants.

He noted that DeclaraNet has proven to be a useful tool, which has evolved and has been perfected so that public servants comply with their duties and thus favor transparency and accountability.

He said that when the Federal Commission of Telecommunications became the Federal Telecommunications Institute, the first challenge was to comply with assets accountability.

Contreras Saldívar said that he is waiting for the House of Deputies, based on Constitutional Reform, to appoint the head of the IFT Internal Audit Department, for the compliance of constitutional obligations in the best possible manner.

SFP General Manager for Responsibilities and Assets, Javier Vargas Zempoaltecatl; SFP General Director of Information Technology, Manuel Sebastián Casillas Ruppert and IFT Technical Secretary, Juan José Crispín Borbolla attended the signing of the agreement.

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