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## Plan

**The United States federal government should pass the Outer Continental Shelf Transboundary Hydrocarbon Agreement.**

## Environment

Contention one is the environment

**Mexico’s oil company PEMEX has no tech or expertise to drill**

**Johnson 12 -** [Tim Johnson, Maria Moors Cabot Prize, Winner & Stanford University, Knight Fellow, citing various oil experts, 3-04-12, McClatchy Newspapers, Mexico City, “Mexican plan for Gulf deepwater wells sparks new worries” <http://www.mcclatchydc.com/2012/04/03/144004/mexican-plan-for-gulf-deepwater.html#.UdA9CvmwWuk>]

Two years after the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history,

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: "The risks are massive and the potential benefits are comparatively small."

**Florida Straits ecosystems are on the brink—a spill would crush the coastline and Caribbean coral reefs – kills species**

**Hoffman ’12** – environment and science writer for numerous publications

(Karen, “Cuba’s Gulf of Mexico Oil Exploration Makes Strange Bedfellows”, Earth Island Journal, 3-15-2012, http://www.earthisland.org/journal/index.php/elist/eListRead/cubas\_gulf\_of\_mexico\_oil\_exploration\_makes\_strange\_bedfellows/)

Florida’s 800 miles of coast are far from as unspoiled as Cuba’s, but they

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, Cuba and Mexico to collaborate more on marine science and conservation issues.)

**Scenario 1 is Warming**

**Independently, the plan is key to clean tech**

**Sarukhan 12** (Arturo Sarukhan is a distinguished affiliate in the Foreign Policyand Metropolitan Policy programs at Brookings. He focuses on hemispheric issues, Mexico-U.S. relations, immigration policy, new security threats, and the role of cities in the 21st Century. He is chairman of Global Solutions/A Podesta Company, a global strategic consulting and risk assessment firm. The grandson and son of conflict refugees in Mexico, he served as a career diplomat in the Mexican Foreign Service for 20 years and received the rank of career ambassador in 2006, February 2012, http://www.americanambassadors.org/publications/ambassadors-review/spring-2012/mexico-and-the-united-states-a-strategic-relationship)//moxley

**The fourth driver of our bilateral agenda is**

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together in the development of clean fuel.

**Clean tech solves climate change**

**Klarevas ’09** [12/15/09, Louis Klarevas is a Professor at

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means of leverage that can be employed to keep potential foes in check.

**Warming is the only existential risk**

**Deibel ’07**—Prof IR @ National War College (Terry, “Foreign Affairs

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States, but potentially to the continued existence of life on this planet.

#### Warming is real and anthropogenic – skeptics are bought off clowns

Prothero 12 (Donald Prothero, Professor of Geology at Occidental College, Lecturer in Geobiology at CalTech, "How We Know Global Warming is Real and Human Caused," 3/1/12, EBSCO)

How do we know that global warming is real and primarily human caused? There

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change when it threatens their survival. Neither can we as a society.

## Wetlands

Contention two is wetlands

#### Southeastern wetlands are key to aquatic biodiversity, the hydrologic cycle, watershed health, and prevent erosion and they’re on the brink now

EPA 13 – US Environmental Protection Agency (“Protecting Wetlands in Coastal Watersheds”, Last updated on Wednesday, July 03, 2013, <http://water.epa.gov/type/wetlands/cwt.cfm>)

Coastal wetlands include saltwater and freshwater wetlands located within coastal watersheds — specifically USGS 8

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of carbon due to their rapid growth rates and slow decomposition rates.6

#### Gulf oil spills devastate wetlands environments, destroy water quality and increase soil erosion

EarthGauge 10 – a National Environmental Education Foundation Program (“Gulf Oil Spill Series: Impacts on Coastal Wetland Plants”, <http://www.earthgauge.net/wp-content/EG_Gulf_WetlandPlants.pdf>)

IMPACTS OF OIL ON COASTAL WETLANDS Most research on the impacts of oil in wetlands

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higher water levels and excess flooding that may prevent plants from growing back.

#### Wetlands are key to the hydro-cycle – the impact is extinction

Ramsar Convention 96 (“Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, Wetlands and Biodiversity, Executive Summary”, http://www.ramsar.org/about/about\_biodiversity.htm, ACC: 12.20.08, p. online)

Wetlands - including (inter alia) rivers, lakes, marshes, estuaries,

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transition zones between aquatic ecosystems and terrestrial ecosystems such as forests and grasslands.

#### Soil erosion threatens all life on the planet

Ikerd 99 – Professor Emeritus of Agricultural Economics at University of Missouri (John E., “Foundational Principles: Soils. Stewardship, and Sustainability,” Sep 22, http://www.ssu.missouri.edu/faculty/jikerd/papers/NCSOILS.html)

A foundation is "the basis upon which something stands or is supported" (

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water to drink, and food to eat. It’s just less obvious.

#### Oil spills threaten gulf sponges key to fight diseases – BP put them on the brink

Downing 10 – Larry, Reuters senior staff (“Medical Cures May Be Destroyed By Oil Spill”, 7-9-10, <http://www.wftv.com/news/news/medical-cures-may-be-destroyed-by-oil-spill/nJwf4/>)

The cure for cancer or malaria could be destroyed because of the oil disaster in

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It’s not only damaging to sea life, but human life as well.

#### Sponges solve antibiotic resistance

Sanders 9 – Laura, Ph.D. in Molecular Biology from UCLA, Neuroscience Writer for Science News (“Sponge's secret weapon revealed” Science News, 00368423, 3-14-09, v.175, iss.6)

A chemical from an ocean-dwelling sponge can reprogram antibiotic-resistant bacteria to

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the bacterium, it's not throwing up any red flags," Moeller said.

#### Antibiotic resistance causes extinction

Davies 08 – Julian, Fellow of the Royal Society, British microbiologist, professor emeritus, and Principal Investigator of the Davies Lab, at University of British Columbia (“Resistance redux; Infectious diseases, antibiotic resistance and the future of mankind”, EMBO Rep. 2008 July; 9(Suppl 1): S18–S21. doi: 10.1038/embor.2008.69 PMCID: PMC3327549, Science and Society)

For many years, antibiotic-resistant pathogens have been recognized as one of the

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our best efforts, continue to exact a toll on the human race.

## Economy

Contention three is the economy

#### PEMEX is declining – THA diversifies Mexico’s oil portfolio

Kerry et al. 12 (JOHN F. KERRY, Massachusetts, Chairman BARBARA

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poverty alleviation to the rule of law, let alone broader economic growth.

#### PEMEX and oil decline will drive Mexico into a financial crisis

Krauss and Malkin 10 Clifford Kraus and Elisabeth Malkin, Krauss is a national business

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, Pemex is in a key moment in its history,” he said.

#### We’ll isolate two internal links to economic growth

#### First is cooperation

#### THA enables cooperation that leads to private companies to work with Mexico

Brown and Meacham 13 Neil Brown and Carl Meacham, Brown is non-resident

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partners. That is good for Mexico and for the U.S.

#### Specifically, cooperation over deep-water wells are key

Melgar, 2012 (Lourdes, director of the Center for Sustainability and Business at EGADE Business School of the Tecnológico de Monterrey, Summer 2012, “The Future of PEMEX,” http://www.americasquarterly.org/node/3781)

The challenge for PEMEX is to increase reserves and oil and gas production in areas

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The Mexican oil industry can no longer thrive on amendments to distorted schemes.

#### Second is drilling

#### Independently, drilling solves Mexican growth

Kerry et al. 12

(JOHN F. KERRY, Massachusetts, Chairman BARBARA BOXER, California RICHARD G

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and friendly neighbor, Mexican oil imports support U.S. energy security

#### Economic decline causes Mexican collapse

Barnes 11 Joe Barnes, the Bonner Means Baker Fellow at the James A.

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Pemex's development into something like Norway's Statol would mark an important improvement.36

#### That causes terrorism

Michael Brown 9, Undersecretary of Emergency Preparedness and Response in the Department of Homeland

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States, just laying in wait to attack at an appropriately vulnerable time.

#### They’ll use bioweapons

Ken Timmerman 10, Newsmax correspondent, “FBI Director Mueller: Al-Qaida

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it is properly spread in population centers there,” al-Nasifi said.

#### Extinction

Anders Sandberg 8, is a James Martin Research Fellow at the Future of Humanity

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may increase as biotechnologies continue to improve at a rate rivaling Moore's Law.

#### Mexican stability key to heg

Kaplan ’12 – chief geopolitical analyst at Stratfor (Robert D., With the Focus on Syria, Mexico Burns, Stratfor, 3-28-2012, <http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/focus-syria-mexico-burns)>

While the foreign policy elite in Washington focuses on the 8,000 deaths in

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can continue to focus on serious moral questions in places that matter less.

#### Hegemony prevents multiple nuclear conflicts

Brooks, Ikenberry, and Wohlforth ’13

(Stephen, Associate Professor of Government at Dartmouth College, John Ikenberry is the

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that of potential rivals is by many measures growing rather than shrinking. 85

#### Unilateralism is inevitable – multilat doesn’t cut it

Bass 9 (James E Bass, Major, US Air Force, “Unilateral vs. Multilateral Engagement: A Scenario-Based Approach to Guiding America’s Future Foreign Policy,” Air Command and Staff College, Air University, p. 3-6, April 2009, http://www.dtic.mil/cgi-bin/GetTRDoc?AD=ADA539615)

According to Stewart Patrick of the Center on International Cooperation, America’s preference for unilateral

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Bush administration’s refusal to ratify the Kyoto Protocol on climate change in 2001.