

Mexico

Gross Domestic Product (GDP): US\$333 billion (1993); US\$385 billion (1994 est.)
GDP Growth Rate: 0.4% (1993); 3.1% (1994 est.)
GDP Per Capita: US\$3,650 (1993); US\$4,145 (1994 est.)
Population: 93.03 million (1994)

Head of State and Government: President Ernesto Zedillo
Minister of Foreign Relations: Jose Angel Gurria
Minister of Commerce and Industrial Development: Herminio Blanco

Canada-Mexico Relations

- Canada has a broader and more substantial relationship with Mexico than with any other Latin American country. While implementation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) is currently a priority, it is by no means the only issue in the dynamic and expanding relationship between the two countries. A stronger partnership with Mexico is an important element in Canada's policy toward Latin America.
- Held approximately every two years since 1968, and every year since 1990, Canada-Mexico Joint Ministerial Committee meetings provide an important forum for discussion and co-operation on matters of common interest in the political, commercial and economic fields.
- Since March 1990, more than 35 bilateral agreements have been signed, including the first double taxation agreement signed by Mexico, as well as agreements on environmental co-operation, distance education, mining, culture and legal matters.
- In November 1995, the Canada-Mexico Steering Committee held its first meeting. This binational group, which includes non-governmental representatives from both countries, aims to establish a governing framework and set targets for the Canada-Mexico relationship over the medium to long term.
- In October 1995, the respective human rights commissions of Canada and Mexico signed a co-operation agreement. Through a program of bilateral activities, Canada will contribute directly to observing human rights in Mexico.