

Presidents do not make binding policy decisions after their successors have been named. Critical decisions such as the selection of a nuclear partner are likely, therefore, to be made during the next twelve months but the very size of these programs will also see new and equally important decisions made by the next administration. Transition to Lopez Portillo's successor thus will be extremely important to the success of long term Canadian interests in the Mexican market.

The challenge now facing Canada in its relationship with Mexico is to capitalize on the momentum generated during the last few years and to ensure that this momentum continues into the new administration of Lopez Portillo's successor.