

## **Alfonso Portillo**

### **President of Guatemala**

Alfonso Portillo was born on Sept. 24, 1951. He holds a bachelor's degree in law and social sciences from the National Autonomous University of Mexico and carried out postgraduate studies in economics at the same university.

Active in student politics at a young age, Mr. Portillo went into exile in the 1970s and worked as a professor of economics in Mexico. He later became a columnist for a Guatemala City newspaper.

From 1991 to 1995, Mr. Portillo represented the Guatemalan Congress on the national Monetary Policy Board. From 1992 to 1994, he directed the Guatemalan Institute of Social and Political Studies and was deputy secretary of the Christian Democratic Party (DCG) of Guatemala. From 1994 to 1996, Mr. Portillo was deputy member of Congress for the DCG. Later he represented the Guatemalan Republican Front. He ran for President in 1995 and in 1996.

Mr. Portillo was elected President of Guatemala on Dec. 26, 1999.

Mr. Portillo is married and has one child.

## **Carlos Roberto Flores Facussé**

### **President of Honduras**

Carlos Roberto Flores Facussé was born in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, on March 1, 1950. He obtained a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering at Louisiana State University and pursued postgraduate studies in international economy and finance.

Mr. Flores is a former professor at the Central American Superior School of Banking and the school of business administration at the National University of Honduras. He has been a director of the Central Bank of Honduras, the Honduran Institute of Social Security, and the National Institute of Professional Training.

Mr. Flores has carried out various assignments for the Liberal Party and is a former President of the National Congress.

Elected President of Honduras in November 1997, Mr. Flores took office on Jan. 27, 1998.

Mr. Flores and his wife, Mary Carol Flake, have two children.