

agency has been successful in lobbying members of the OAS in ways that raise Mexico's human rights profile.

I) Ms Acosta is grateful for funding and other assistance provided to her agency by Canadian NGOs. Since she, and other NGO leaders, have received death threats due to the nature of their work, trips to Canada and elsewhere provide her with a profile that may reduce the credibility of such threats.

2) Professor Donald Schulz, Strategic Studies Division, Americas Branch, US Army War College, Pennsylvania, USA.

A) Professor Schulz indicated that Mexico is becoming steadily less stable, although some figures are used to mask that reality. GDP figures which indicate strong macro-growth in the country do not convey a more worrying reality: the division of wealth in the country is worsening, and real incomes are declining.

B) There are fundamental problems in the Mexican economy, which centre around maldistribution of income, which represent the basis for security problems and human rights abuses.

C) The militarization of Mexico represents a dangerous step,