

GLOSSARY

ad valorem — a tariff imposed according to the value of a good

Asociación Mexicana de la Industria Automotriz — Mexican Automotive Industry Association

Asociación Nacional de Importadores y Exportadores de la República Mexicana (ANIERM) — National Association of Importers and Exporters of the Mexican Republic

Banco de Comercio (Bancomer) — One of Mexico's major banks

Banco de México — Central Bank of Mexico

Banco Nacional de Comercio Exterior (Bancomext) — is the Mexican Foreign Trade Commission: its role in Canada is to promote investment in Mexico

Bolsa Mexicana de Valores — Mexican Stock Exchange

BOT — build-operate-transfer plan

Cámara Nacional de Comercio (CANACO) — National Chamber of Commerce

Cámara Nacional de la Industria de la Construcción (CNIC) — National Chamber of the Construction Industry

Cámara Nacional de la Industria de Transformación (CANACINTRA) — National Chamber of Industrial Transformation

Cámara Nacional de la Industria del Vestido (CNIV) — National Chamber of the Apparel Industry

Casa de Cambio — financial exchange house

Comisión Federal de Electricidad (CFE) — Federal Electricity Commission

Comisión Nacional Bancaria y de Valores — National Banking Commission

Comisión Nacional para Inversión Extranjera (CNIE) — National Commission on Foreign Investment

Compañía Nacional de Subsistencias Populares (CONASUPO) — National Council for Low-income Food Support

Confederación de Trabajadores Mexicanos (CTM) — Mexican Confederation of Workers

Confederación Patronal de la República Mexicana — Confederation of Mexican Employers

Consejo Empresarial Mexicano para Asuntos Internacionales (CEMAI) — Mexican Business Council for International Affairs

Consejo Mexicano de Inversión (CMI) — non-profit joint venture of the Government of Mexico and the private financial sector set up to oversee and attract investment

Constructora Nacional de Carros de Ferrocarril (Concarril) — government owned railcar builder

Departamento del Distrito Federal — Department of the Federal District

DFAIT — Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade

Dirección de Derechos de Autor — government directorate for authors/owners to register for copyright protection

Dirección General de Normas (DGN) — Bureau of Standards

Distrito Federal (D.F.) — Federal District, the jurisdiction within which Mexico City is located

EIU — Economist Intelligence Unit

ejidatarios — independent farmers holding an *ejido*

ejido — independent tenant landholding

EPA — U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

FAO — Food and Agricultural Organization, a United Nations agency

Ferrocarriles Nacionales de México — the Mexican National Railway

GATT — General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

GDP — Gross Domestic Product

GMT — Greenwich Mean Time

GNP — Gross National Product

Impuesto al Valor Agregado (IVA) — value-added tax in Mexico (15%)

Instituto Mexicano de la Propiedad Industrial (IMPI) — Mexican Patent and Trademark Office

Instituto Nacional de Estadística, Geografía e Informática (INEGI) — National Institute for Statistics, Geography and Information