

crisis, reaching close to \$200 billion. It is estimated that GDP will grow at an average 2% to 3% between 1990 and 1994. During this period, the present administration will continue to promote and develop non-oil exports, private sector investments, tourism and the in-bond industry, while at the same time strengthening internal demand.

International trade will continue to play a major role in the economy. Mexico's trade surplus was \$1.8 billion in 1988, 80% lower than in 1987, due largely to a dramatic increase in imports as a result of Mexico's trade liberalization policies, while exports held 1987 levels. Total imports were \$18.9 billion in 1988 (vs \$12.2 million in 1987), while exports amounted to \$20.7 million. In 1989, exports are expected to reach \$22.8 billion and imports \$22.5 billion.

3. TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN MEXICO

Mexico's telecommunications services are provided by two government-owned entities, the Secretariat for Communications and Transportation (Secretaría de Comunicaciones y Transportes-SCT), through the Directorate General for Telecommunications (DGT), the newly created Telecomunicaciones de México (TM) and Teléfonos de México (TELMEX) and its wholly owned subsidiary TELNOR.

SCT, through DGT and TM, provides:

Telephone service to small towns (under 1,500 inhabitants) Distribution of the following signals:

- Television
- Teleaudition
- Telegraph
- Voice and data
- International telegraph
- Telex
- Data transmission
- Facsimile and telephotography
- Marine radio
- Time sharing

and international services using the Morelos Satellite System and the Intelsat network.

SCT also grants the concessions required for the provision by private firms of the following telecommunications services:

- Radio and television broadcasting
- Public telephone services
- Common radiotelephones
- Mobile radiotelephones (incl.cellular telephone services)
- Cable television
- Continuous music
- Paging systems

Additionally it grants permits for the following services:

- Studio links (plant for broadcasting stations)
- Remote mobile transmissions of radio and TV stations
- Private data communications system
- Private radio telephone
- Mobile aeronautic
- Mobile marine
- Civil band