Mexico: Fact Sheet

Basic data Area Population (1990) Population density per sq. km. Official language Ethnic groups

Major religion Main cities and population

Politics

Type of government

Current government President Foreign Minister Ruling party

Opposition parties

Economy

Per capita GDP (1990) Economic growth rate (1990) Inflation rate (CPI) (1990) Total external debt (1990) Debt held by Canada

Foreign reserves (1990) Unemployment rate (1990) Underemployment rate (1990) Currency (March 1991) 1,958,201 sq. km. 85 million 42 Spanish Mestizo 79% Indian 11% Caucasian 10% Roman Catholic 93% Mexico City 19.3 million Guadalajara 3.4 million Monterrey 3.1 million

Federal republic operating under a centralized structure, 31 states, one federal district (Mexico City) Elected 1988 Carlos Salinas de Gortari Fernando Solana Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI), which

currently holds 60 of 64 seats in the Senate and 263 of 500 seats in the Chamber of Deputies

Several opposition parties share 200 seats (out of 500 total) reserved for the opposition and allocated on the basis of proportional representation

US\$3,234 3.9% 29.9% US\$93 billion Commercial banks: C\$5.6 billion Export Development Corporation and Canadian Wheat Board: C\$661.3 million Official Development Assistance: nil US\$9.5 billion 2.8% 35-50% C\$ = 2439 pesos (approximate)