## Javier Usabiaga Secretary of Agriculture, Rural Development, Fisheries, and Sustenance

Javier Usabiaga was born in Celaya, Guanajuato on Aug. 20, 1939. He studied public accounting at the School of Banking and Commerce in Mexico City.

Mr. Usabiaga worked for 25 years with companies engaged in food production and in the distribution of agriculture machinery. From 1995 to 2000, he was the Secretary of Agricultural and Rural Development for the state of Guanajuato. On July 2, 2000, he became a member of the federal Chamber of Deputies.

Mr. Usabiago has held honorary positions in the Association of Breeders of Holstein-Friesian of Mexico. He was also the chairman of the Association of Garlic Producers of Central America, the chairman of the Banamex-Accival Financial Group and the vice-chairman of the Board of Consultants. He is also a founding member and associate of the Mexican Association of Commissioners Responsible for the Development of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding.

Mr. Usabiaga became Secretary of Agriculture, Rural Development, Fisheries, and Sustenance on Dec. 1, 2000.