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I BASIC DATA

Area	1,958,201 sq. km.
Population (1990)	88 million
Population density per sq.km.	42
Official language	Spanish
Ethnic groups	Mestizo 79%
	Indian 11%
	Caucasian 10%
Life Expectancy	66 years
Major Religion	Roman Catholic 93%
Main Cities and metropolitan population:	
- Mexico City	19.3 million
- Guadalajara	3.4 million
- Monterrey	3.1 million

II POLITICAL

Type of Government: Federal Republic, operating under a centralized structure, 31 states, 1 Federal District (Mexico City)

Current Government (elected 1988)

President	Carlos <u>Salinas</u> de Gortari
Foreign Minister	Fernando <u>Solana</u>
Ruling Party	Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI), which currently holds 60 of 64 seats in the Senate and 263 of 500 seats in the Chamber of Deputies

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

III ECONOMY

Per Capita GDP (1990)	US \$3,204
Economic Growth Rate (1989)	2.5%
Inflation Rate (CPI) (1990)	30.4%

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