

The Honourable Marc Lalonde, Minister of Finance

The Honourable Gerald Regan, Minister for International Trade

His Excellency Russell McKinney, Canadian Ambassador to Mexico
and other senior officials of the Canadian Government

3. The President of Mexico and Members of his party held discussions in Ottawa in a most cordial atmosphere with the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Pierre Elliott Trudeau, and with members of his Cabinet. At the invitation of the Prime Minister, and as a highlight of the visit, the President of Mexico addressed a Joint Session of Parliament.

4. During the discussions between the President and the Prime Minister, the present state of the bilateral relationship was reviewed and was found to be ever more extensive and of greater mutual benefit. They also reviewed various international and regional issues of interest and concern to both countries. Both leaders noted with satisfaction that the dialogue and the exchange of views on these matters between both countries has been increasingly frequent.

5. The President and the Prime Minister recalled that Canada and Mexico had been developing friendly relations since the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two countries in 1944. They noted that particularly since 1980 relations between Mexico and Canada had been enriched in all fields. They expressed satisfaction with these advances and committed themselves to maintain the special priority assigned to the development of the bilateral relationship and to intensify the efforts of both sides in this regard within the framework of a comprehensive scheme of cooperation which would lead to a sustained