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## IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW APPLICATION PROCESS FOR MEXICAN PASSPORTS AT THE CONSULATE GENERAL

This Consulate General has implemented a new application process for Mexican passports, in compliance with the international agreements signed between the Government of Mexico and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). This new passport will include heightened security features and contribute to safer and more efficient air travel.

Passport applications will be submitted as previously to the Consulate General office located at 11 King St. W, Suite 350, Toronto, ON. However, passports will be printed in a processing centre in Mexico City. **We therefore recommend that you submit your passport application well ahead of your planned travel date, as processing times will be 3-4 weeks.**



In order to ensure that passports meet the highest standards of quality, reliability and security, the passport application requirements have changed. For details on the new requirements, please consult the following link: <http://consulmex.sre.gob.mx>

Please note that in order to submit your application to the Consulate you must make an obligatory appointment via MEXTEL (1-877-639-4835) or online at: <https://mextel.sre.gob.mx/>

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Foreign Secretary Ruiz Massieu referred to the high profile the gender agenda has attained in the international arena, saying that Mexico's report to CEDAW is an opportunity to evaluate the actions taken to prevent discrimination and promote gender equality based on the priorities defined by President Enrique Peña Nieto.



foreign policy priorities. Mexico was one of the main promoters of including equality and inclusion on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

Promoting gender equality is one of Mexico's



Tourism Board

INMUJERES President Lorena Cruz discussed the plan for putting the ninth report together and mentioned some measures that can be taken in coming months to consolidate Mexico's progress and address the challenges that still remain regarding gender equality.

The meeting, held on January 11 at the Foreign Ministry, was attended by the heads, undersecretaries and representatives of 30 agencies and institutions involved with the observations and recommendations made by CEDAW to Mexico.

To facilitate coordination with other branches and levels of the government, the meeting was also attended by Eruviel Ávila, Governor of the State of Mexico and CONAGO President; the President of the Senate Commission for Gender Equality, Diva Hadamira Gastélum Bajo; the President of the National Electoral Institute, Lorenzo Córdova Vianello, and representatives of the judiciary. Also present were Roberto Campa, Undersecretary of Human Rights of the Interior Ministry; Renato Sales Heredia, National Security Commissioner; Ambassador Miguel Ruiz Cabañas, Undersecretary for

Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights; Guadalupe Gómez Maganda, Head of the Policy Unit for Gender Equality, and representatives from the Navy and the Defense Ministry.

Over the coming months, the Foreign Ministry and INMUJERES will hold a series of meetings and forums with civil society organizations.

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## CONSULATE GENERAL BRIEFS



### Toronto Region Board of Trade (TBOT) Annual Event

The Consulate General took part in the Annual Dinner of the Toronto Region Board of Trade (TBOT), held at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre on January 18.

Among those present at the dinner were business leaders, government officials and public figures, including Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne and Mayor of Toronto John Tory, as well as several members of the provincial parliament. The main speaker was Linda Hasenfratz, CEO of Linamar, a company in the automotive industry with four manufacturing plants in Mexico.

### First Meeting of the Consular Corps: Economic Outlook for 2016

At the first meeting of the Consular Corps held in Toronto on January 12, the main speaker was Warren Jestin, Senior Vice President and Chief Economist at Scotiabank, who discussed certain aspects of Canada's economic outlook for 2016.

Jestin noted that growth of only 1.2-1.5% was expected due to the dramatic drop in oil prices and the effects that this has had on Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia, which are the country's biggest oil producing provinces. In relation to Ontario and Quebec, he commented that there are generally positive conditions for moderate growth, especially in Ontario, whose economy is based on services and exports to the United States. Deputy Consul Dolores Repetto was also present at the meeting



### Economic Outlook for Latin America 2016

For the sixth consecutive year, the Canadian Council for the Americas (CCA) held a discussion panel on Latin America's economic outlook for 2016. The event took place on January 11, and was targeted at Canadian investors.

The CCA holds this panel each year, inviting Latin American specialists to discuss the region's political and economic issues with an impact on investments and trade with Canada. On this occasion, the panel focused primarily on the performance of the economy and the

prospects for investment in Argentina, Brazil, Venezuela, and the member countries of the Pacific Alliance (Chile, Colombia, Peru and Mexico).

## VISIT ¡VIVA MÉXICO! CLOTHING AND CULTURE EXHIBITION



The traditional costume and textile exhibition "¡Viva México! Clothing and Culture" at the ROM, featuring 150 textile pieces –including costumes and dresses, *rebozos*, *huipiles*, ponchos and religious ornaments – made in Mexico since the 18th century.

The exhibition is open to the public until May 23, 2016. <http://www.rom.on.ca/>

