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President Enrique Peña Nieto urges Mexican Foreign Service to be the “motor and voice” of a Mexico in motion

“The responsibility rests with you to show Mexico to the world, and to describe what our country is doing to reach new and greater horizons,” said Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto, upon opening the XXV Meeting of Ambassadors and Consuls on January 10. The President urged the heads of Mexico’s diplomatic and consular offices abroad to “be the motor and the voice of a Mexico in motion, a Mexico which is changing and transforming itself.”

The objective, said Peña Nieto, is to raise international awareness about the real Mexico, beyond stereotypes and generalizations. He stressed that with a clear vision of the future, “today we are building the nation of liberties and opportunities for development that Mexicans deserve.”

“Your mission is to show the world our country’s strengths, as well as the changes Mexico is undergoing to realize its full potential,” he said, after calling on the officials to communicate that Mexico has already attained significant achievements, “we have made



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great progress which should be shared with the international community.” Peña Nieto instructed the Foreign Service to convey that 21st century Mexico is a full democracy, capable of peaceful and orderly changes in government. “It is a democracy that is defined not merely by an electoral process, but also by strong institutions and the political maturity to reach agreement upon reform measures.”

President Peña Nieto said that in order to position Mexico as an actor with global responsibility, its international presence would

continue to be expanded through the diplomacy of its foreign offices, which operate with professionalism and skill, as well as total dedication and commitment to their country. “The dedication, loyalty and patriotism of the Mexican Foreign Service makes it one of our country’s great institutions. As President, I recognize and value this,” he said.

Peña Nieto said that, in 2013, to achieve the nation’s five guiding principles - a Mexico at peace, an inclusive Mexico, a Mexico with quality education, a prosperous Mexico and, as a consequence, a Mexico which contributes to the development of the entire world” - the government followed an agenda of fundamental reforms which have given Mexico new bases to move and transform as a country.

President Peña Nieto told the audience of 170 Mexican ambassadors and consuls that Mexico has the second largest economy in Latin America, the fourth largest on the continent and the 14th largest economy in the world.

For a more competitive North America

As part of the 25th Meeting of Mexican Ambassadors and Consuls, a press conference was given by Dr. Sergio Alcocer Martínez de Castro, Undersecretary for North America at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Eduardo Medina Mora, Ambassador of Mexico to the United States; and Francisco Suárez Dávila, Ambassador of Mexico to Canada. The three officials commented that since the first months of his government, President Enrique Peña Nieto has pursued a broad and balanced agenda with Mexico’s North American counterparts, aimed at making the region the most competitive and dynamic in the world. Ambassador Suárez said that President Enrique Peña Nieto and Prime Minister Stephen Harper will exchange visits to mark the 70th anniversary of bilateral diplomatic relations between their two countries. Ambassador Suárez added that Harper will go to Mexico before the North American Leaders’ Summit in February and that President Peña Nieto will visit Canada after that date.



Tribute to Nelson Mandela in Toronto

On December 13, a celebration took place at the University of Toronto honouring the life of the ex-president of South Africa and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, Nelson Mandela (1918-2013). Participating in the event were the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, David Onley; the Premier of Ontario, Kathleen Wynne; the Consul General of South Africa in Toronto, Tselane Mokuena; and the President of the University of Toronto, Meric S. Gertler, who announced the creation of a “Nelson Mandela” scholarship. The Consul General of Mexico in Toronto, Mauricio Tous-saint, also attended this important and emotive event. In addition to speeches, the tribute included dance and musical performances, such as a presentation by the Nelson Mandela Park Public School Choir.

