

Multilateral Mexico

Mexico's adherence to the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management



On February 16th, Ambassador Alicia Buenrostro handed Mexico's declaration of adherence to the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Yukiya Amano. The document was approved by the Mexican Senate on December 7th, 2017. The Joint Convention aims at strengthening civil and environmental protection in the management and safe handling of radioactive waste and is an important instrument of the international community in the field

of nuclear safety. The IAEA Director General recognized Mexico's important step and expressed his conviction that Mexico's adherence will contribute to the strengthening of the international standards of nuclear safety. He also pointed out the IAEA's willingness to assist the Mexican government's efforts to fulfil the guidelines, including Mexico's active participation in ordinary and extraordinary meetings. For more information: <http://www-ns.iaea.org/conventions/waste-jointconvention.asp>

51st anniversary of the opening for signature of the "Treaty of Tlatelolco"



February 14th marked the 51st anniversary of the opening for signature of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean, also known as the Treaty of Tlatelolco, which, in 1967, created the first nuclear-weapon-free zone in a densely populated region, as well as the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL). Under the Treaty of Tlatelolco, each of the 33 Latin

American and Caribbean states are obligated to keep their territory entirely free of nuclear weapons, and they commit not to develop, acquire or stockpile these weapons of mass destruction. By banning nuclear weapons, our region took a big step towards preserving international peace and stability while promoting global nuclear disarmament. The standard set by the Treaty of Tlatelolco has been replicated in other regions of the world, which have established their own nuclear-weapon-free zones. In 2017, the commitment to nuclear disarmament became a global one for the first time, thanks to

the adoption of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Mexico actively promoted this treaty and was one of the first countries in the world to sign and ratify it. Mexico is the Depositary State of the Treaty of Tlatelolco and, as such, has the duty of safeguarding the original treaty, which can be found in the Foreign Ministry's treaty vault. Mexico is also the headquarters of OPANAL, whose mandate is to ensure observance of the Treaty of Tlatelolco.

For more information: <https://www.gob.mx/sre/prensa/mexico-conmemora-el-51-aniversario-del-tratado-de-tlatelolco> (Press release - Foreign Ministry) and http://www.opanal.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Inf_03_2018Rev_3_Comicado_51Aniversario_FINAL.pdf (Press release - OPANAL), both in Spanish.

Economy

Growth of Mexican agricultural exports to China in 2017



Mexico's Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food (SAGARPA, for its acronym in Spanish) informed through its General Coordination of International Affairs that, according to data provided by the Chinese customs authority, in 2017, Mexican agricultural exports to China reached a commercial value of 321 million dollars. This is an increase of 54 per cent in comparison to the year before, 2016. The growth is due to Mexico's strategy of market diversification, as well as the quality, safety and prestige of Mexican products, which allowed record figures

in Mexico's agricultural exports to China since 2014. The most exported Mexican products were beer and fish flour, amounting to 110 and 55 million dollars, respectively, followed by avocado (31.2 million dollars).

Source: SAGARPA. Read full text in Spanish: bit.ly/2EGBKQI

7th World Forum on Energy Regulation (VII WFER)



The Energy Regulation Commission of Mexico (CRE, for its acronym in Spanish) hosted the World Forum in Energy Regulation 2018 (WFER), which took place in Cancun, Quintana Roo, from March 20th to 23rd. During the 7th edition of the Forum, more than 100 experts of the energy sector from more than 50 countries exchanged their opinion and experience in the field of energy regulation in the context of innovation and new technologies.

WFER is the world's largest conference on energy regulation and takes place every three years in the framework of the International Confederation of Energy Regulators (ICER), formed by 13 associations from 5 continents.

For more information on WFER: <https://www.wfer2018.org>

Mexico and Austria

Mexico and Austria commemorate the 80th anniversary of Mexico's protest against the annexation of Austria



In 2018, Mexico and Austria commemorate the 80th anniversary of Mexico's protest against the annexation of Austria by Nazi Germany in March 1938 (known as "Anschluss") at the League of Nations in Geneva. On the occasion of this anniversary, the Embassy of Mexico in Austria, in cooperation with several Austrian institutions, organized a series of commemorative events in order to commemorate this important chapter in the common history of both countries.

On March 19th, Ambassador Alicia Buenrostro Massieu participated in the inauguration of the commemorative project "Gekreuzte Geschichte: Mexikoplatz 1938-2018", organized by the artists Thomas Fatzinek & Lisa Kortschak under the leadership of Austrian historiographer Berthold Molden. The ceremony was also attended by the former President of Austria, Dr. Heinz Fischer, and by the District Chief of Leopoldstadt-Vienna, Uschi Lichtenegger.



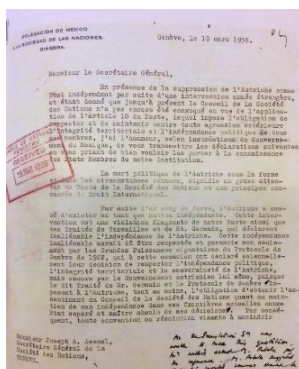
On March 20th, the former President de Austria, Dr. Heinz Fischer, the Dean of the Law Faculty of the University of Vienna, Prof. Paul Oberhammer, and the Ambassador of Mexico, Alicia Buenrostro Massieu, inaugurated the symposium "In the Spirit of Isidro Fabela: Mexican and Austrian Approaches to the Challenges of

International Law" at the Law Faculty of the University of Vienna "Juridicum", including a number of Mexican and Austrian experts and jurists who talked about the importance of international law and today's relevance of Mexico's protest.

On March 21st, a string quartet of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra presented very successfully the concert "México and Austria, in Commemoration of the 20th Century" at the Brahms salon of Musikverein Vienna. The musicians played pieces of Marcel Rubin and Hanns Eisler, Austrian composers exiled in Mexico, as well as of Mexican composer Silvestre Revueltas.



On March 14th, the event series "Flagrante Violación" was inaugurated at the University Karl-Franzens of Graz, which was organized in cooperation with the Embassy of Mexico. The programme included the speeches "Mexico's diplomacy in the 30's and its relevance today" (Ambassador Hermann Aschentrupp Toledo, Chief of Chancery) and "Austrian exile in Mexico" (Dr. Christian Kloyber). The event series also included the presentation of the documentaries "Visa al Paraíso" (Lilian Libermann) and "Volver la vista" (Fridolin Schönwiese).



On February 21st, Ambassador Alicia Buenrostro was interviewed by the *Austria Press Agency* (APA) on Mexico's protest. "Mexico will always defend international law and respect a nation's identity", the Ambassador stated in the interview. Read full interview (in German):

>>> <http://www.tt.com/home/14070877-91/19382018---botschafterin-mexiko-wird-v%C3%B6lkerrecht-immer-verteidigen.csp>

The Ambassador also published an article in the Austrian newspaper "Wiener Zeitung" (in German):

https://www.wienerzeitung.at/meinungen/gastkommentare/953131_Als-Mexiko-Protest-einlegte.html

Mexico and Slovenia

Honorary Consulate of Mexico in Slovenia has started operating



Foto: Jože Suhadolnik (DELO)

Ambassador Hermann Aschentrupp Toledo, Chief of Chancery of the Embassy of Mexico, handed the Letter Patent confirming Mr. Valter Leban, member of the Board of Directors of the company Kolektor, as the new Honorary Consul of Mexico in Slovenia. Among other functions, Mr. Leban will be responsible for helping and protecting Mexican citizens in Slovenia, strengthening the economic cooperation between both countries and promoting business diversification and investment opportunities. Nevertheless, the Consular Section of the Embassy of Mexico in Austria, concurrent to

Slovenia, will remain responsible for the issuing of visas and passports to Mexican citizens. The Honorary Consulate will be temporarily located at the offices of the Consulate of South Korea (address: Župančičeva 8, Ljubljana).

Cooperación internacional

Conference of OCDE Secretary-General, José Angel Gurría, in Vienna

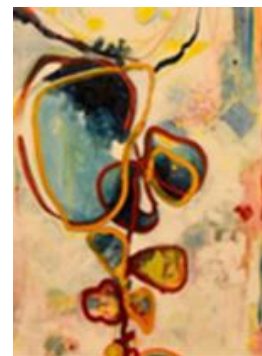


On March 6th, José Angel Gurría, Secretary-General of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OCDE), held the conference "Better Policies to meet the Systemic Challenges of the 21st Century" at the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research, which was followed by the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the OCDE and the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), committed to enhance mutual collaboration and strategic partnership to develop policies by applying systemic thinking to improve quality of life. José Ángel Gurría was Mexico's Minister of Foreign Affairs (1994-1998) and Minister of Finance and Public Credit (1998-2000).

Cultura

Exhibition “*Flores Mexicanas*” at the Cervantes Institute Vienna

On March 13th, the exhibition “*Flores Mexicanas-honrando la diversidad de la mujer mexicana*” was inaugurated at the Cervantes Institute Vienna by Ambassador Hermann Aschentrupp Toledo, Chief of Chancery of the Embassy of Mexico, and by curator Dr. Ursula Vavrik, in the presence of the artist, Georgina Calzada. The exhibition pays tribute to the Mexican woman, representing her as a protagonist far from old stereotypes that have marked her in the past. The exhibition will remain open to the public until April 27th at the Cervantes Institute (Schwarzenbergplatz 2, 1010 Vienna) during opening hours Mon-Thu 10a.m.-1:00p.m. and 2-4p.m., Fri 10a.m.-1p.m.



Mexican movie “*Los Adioses*” in Vienna theatre



On March 8th, the movie “*Los Adioses (The Eternal Feminine)*” of director Natalia Beristain about the life of Mexican writer Rosario Castellanos was presented at the *Stadtkino* theatre in Vienna. Congratulations to the winners of free “tickets for two” of the raffle on our Facebook site! <https://www.facebook.com/EmbamexAustria/>

New movie “*The Shape of Water*” of Mexican director Guillermo del Toro



The new movie “*The Shape of Water*” of Mexico's star director Guillermo del Toro about a love story between a mute woman and an alleged monster was premiered at the *Filmcasino* theatre in Vienna, from February 15th to 18th. The movie won the Golden Lion at the Venice Film Festival, as well as a Golden Globe and four Oscars, and has conquered the movie theatres around the world.

Ecology

Mexico will postulate Sac Actun system as UNESCO mixed world heritage



SacActun is an underwater cave system in the Mexican state of Quintana Roo and the world's largest flooded cave. Therefore, Mexico will propose its declaration as a mixed world heritage of UNESCO, since it is both a natural and cultural heritage site. According to archaeologist Guillermo de Anda Alanís, director of the multidisciplinary research project “Gran Acuífero Maya” (GAM), coordinated by the National Institute of Anthropology and History (INAH, for its acronym in Spanish) in collaboration with the National Geographic Society, Sac Actun has a length of 347 km., but as a whole system it could probably sum up to one thousand km., harbouring ancient human and animal remains from different periods. There exist 200 archaeological sites alongside the caves system, including findings of early humans and megafauna, as well as almost 140 findings of Maya civilization. Source: INAH (Read full text in Spanish: bit.ly/2EFzn0u)

Tourism

In 2017, Mexico registered 39.3 million international tourists



From January to December 2017, the total number of international tourists travelling to Mexico was 39.3 million, which is a 12-per-cent growth in comparison to the 35.1 million tourists registered in the same period of 2016. The exchange revenues from international visitors experimented a growth of 8.6 per cent, summing up to 21.333 billion dollars.

Read full press release of the Mexican Ministry of Tourism (in Spanish): bit.ly/2oyLWQv

Information for Mexicans

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By exercising your right to vote abroad, you can participate in big political decisions of your home country. Even if you are not living in Mexico, you are still a Mexican and you can contribute to strengthen our democracy. You still don't have your voting credential for the upcoming elections on July 1st? Get it before

March 31st at the nearest Consulate!

For more information (only available in Spanish): <http://www.votoextranjero.mx/web/vmre/inicio>

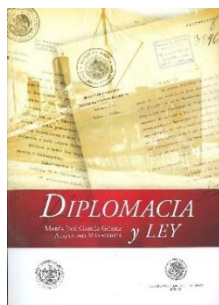
Reading Suggestions

Newsletter “*México en Transformación*” edition 02/2018

Have you already read the newsletter “*México en Transformación*”, which provides interesting information on the most recent results of the efforts to achieve a better Mexico? Here you can read the latest edition of February:

<https://embamex.sre.gob.mx/austria/images/Stories/Varios/MexTransforma/mexEnTransfFeb18b.pdf>

Book “*Diplomacia y Ley*”



In this book, published conjointly by the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs (SRE) and the Diplomatic Historical Archive (AHD), the authors, María José García Gómez and Alejandro Mayagoitia, take a closer look at the Ministry's role in the diffusion and interpretation of the new Constitution of Mexico from 1917 to 1927, the year after the proclamation of the Organic Law of the First Paragraph of Article 27 of the Constitution.

Mexico, SRE-AHD, 2017. 180 pages.

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More information: <https://acervo.sre.gob.mx/index.php/novedades>