

## Embassy and Permanent Mission

### Mexico's Foreign Minister met with Mexican ambassadors and consuls in Europa during the G20 Foreign Ministers Meeting in Germany



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On the occasion of the G20 Foreign Ministers Meeting in Germany, Mexico's Foreign Minister, Luis Videgaray, met in Frankfurt with the Mexican ambassadors and consuls in Europa and urged them to strengthen the political, commercial, investment, tourism and cooperation relations with all the European countries.

"The Mexican ambassadors and consuls must achieve an increase in commerce and investment flows", the Mexican Foreign Minister pointed out.

"Reiterating Mexico's commitment to free trade, and considering our network of commercial treaties, Foreign Minister Videgaray gave instructions to intensify business delegations in 2017", the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs informed in a press release on the meeting's outcome.

Also, Mexican and the European Union will accelerate the negotiations aimed at modernizing their legal framework in order to strengthen the political, economic and cooperation relations.

## Multilateral Mexico

### Mexico's Country Programme Framework for 2016-2021 with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)



On January 26<sup>th</sup>, Ambassador Alicia Buenrostro signed Mexico's Country Programme Framework (CPF) for 2016-2021 with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), which will guide the technical cooperation projects and activities regarding the pacific use of atomic energy between Mexico and the IAEA for the next five years. The CPF is the action plan for the bilateral cooperation in the next five years and includes Mexico's priorities in the fields of atomic energy and nuclear technology

applications, which play an important role for the developmental needs identified conjointly with the IAEA. The CPF was elaborated and will be carried out according to the National Development Plan 2013-2018, in line with Mexico's strategy to promote the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The priority cooperation sectors, identified in the CPF, include electric energy, human health, food safety and sustainable agriculture, environmental protection, water management and industrial applications. The CPF's elaboration underwent a consultations process to identify the necessities and potentials of the cooperation between the different Mexican institutions and organisms that participate in the technical cooperation projects with the IAEA.

### 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Tlatelolco Treaty's ratification



On February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Mexico's President Enrique Peña Nieto presided over the 25<sup>th</sup> session of the General Conference of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Spanish: *Organismo para la Proscripción de las Armas Nucleares en la América Latina y el Caribe*, OPANAL), which commemorated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean, better known as the Treaty of Tlatelolco. "This emblematic treaty is a great

feat of the spirit of peace that unites the countries in Latin America and the Caribbean", President Peña Nieto pointed out and appealed for achieving that the region continues being an area of peace and development, free from nuclear weapons and violence. The Treaty of Tlatelolco was signed on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 1969, and entered into force on April 25<sup>th</sup> of the same year. It is the first treaty for international nuclear disarmament, which obligates the five nuclear powers to respect the status of denuclearization of the region and to abstain from using or threaten to use nuclear weapons against the other parties.

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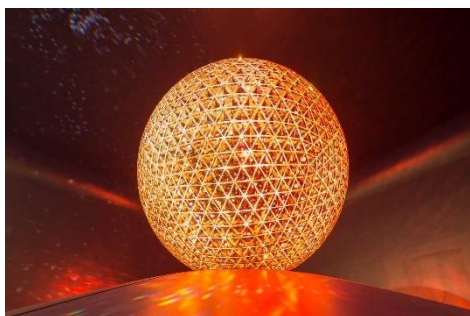


Representatives of all the States Parties to the Treaty, high-level representatives of other nuclear-weapon-free zones and of the international organizations in charge of disarmament and non-proliferation, for example, Dr. Lassina Zerbo, Executive Secretary of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO) headquartered in Vienna, participated in the event. Dr. Zerbo affirmed his commitment to the Treaty of Tlatelolco and its principles. He said that "I am sure that given our efforts to build a better and safer future for the next generations, those who achieved making their

region a nuclear-weapon-free zone, will maintain their guidance to continue working on a solid basis, so that the next step towards a world free from nuclear weapons must be the entry into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty". In the framework of the event, Dr. Zerbo spoke with President Peña Nieto and Foreign Minister Luis Videgaray Caso.

## Cultural Institute of Mexico (ICM)

### Installation "EL SOL" by Fernando Romero with Swarovski design



The installation "EL SOL", a geodesic structure made by Mexican architect Fernando Romero with the support of Swarovski for the *Design Miami / Art Basel 2015*, exploring the relationship between mankind and the celestial body, was presented at the fair *Zona Maco 2017* (February 8<sup>th</sup> until 12<sup>th</sup>) in Mexico City.

For its conception, Romero studied the importance of astronomy and celestial bodies in pre-Hispanic cultures and their close relationship with Nature. "EL SOL" refers to the sacred geometry, which was respected by the Aztecs and Mayas while building their pyramids, structures supposed to help monitor celestial events. The object will be transported back to Austria in November 2017 and be placed into the permanent exhibition of the museum *Kristallwelten* in Wattens, Tirol. "EL SOL" is a billion times smaller than the actual sun.

Watch a video of the installation "EL SOL" at the fair *Design Miami*: <https://vimeo.com/149433037>

### "Literature Tuesday" at the ICM

In 2017, the Cultural Institute of Mexico will present literature sessions with stories of Mexican authors in Spanish and German. April 25<sup>th</sup> will be the first "Literature Tuesday: Mexican Stories". Translator Eva Srna and Gustavo Torres Cisneros will read excerpts from "Domingo de *summertime*" by Itzel Guevara del Ángel and "Muérete y sabrás" by Ignacio Solares.



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## Collective exhibition at the *Kunsthalle Wien* with work by Mexican artist Fernando Ortega

The collective exhibition "*More Than Just Words [On the Poetic]*" will be presented at the *Kunsthalle Wien* from March 8<sup>th</sup> until May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017, with work by Mexican artist Fernando Ortega. The exhibition shows the idea of the poetic function in communication as a possibility to express ideas through a flexible and open language, beyond its semantic meaning. With participation of artists like John Baldessari, Elisabetta Benassi, Nina Canell, Natalie Czech, Michael Dean, Jason Dodge, João Maria Gusmão/Pedro Paiva, Ketty La Rocca, Bruno Munari, Olaf Nicolai, Jenny Perlin, Gerhard Rühm, Olve Sande, Erica Scourti, Michael Snow, Mladen Stilinović and Artur Żmijewski.

More information in English: <http://kunsthallewien.at/#/en/exhibitions/more-just-words-poetic>

## Viva Mexico!

### Centenary of the Proclamation of Mexico's Constitution in 1917



On February 5<sup>th</sup>, Mexico's President Enrique Peña Nieto led the commemoration ceremony on the occasion of the Centenary of the Proclamation of the Constitution of the United Mexican States. "Our Magna Carta incorporates the values of sovereignty, freedom and justice, democracy and equality that have inspired, orientated and united us in the course of time", he stated. The Head of State also said that "Mexico calls us for unity, not with respect to a certain

person or government, but with respect to the values of our Constitution".

**Sovereignty**, for Mexicans to continue shaping Mexico's destiny.

**Freedom**, in all aspects, for Mexicans to express their opinions, defend their beliefs and develop their full capacities.

**Justice**, to ensure everyone's rights are respected; to establish equality and overcome the gaps that divide Mexican society.

**Democracy**, to define Mexico's goals together; the majority gets to decide, but always respecting the rights and voices of minorities.

**Equality**, so that no one is left behind; to create opportunities for everyone in the whole country to improve and progress.

"These are the fundamental and persistent values, that sustain and animate our National Unity. Let's close ranks in order to achieve the highest political aspirations anchored in our Supreme Law; to achieve a pacific and civilized coexistence, based upon fraternity, equality and respect for others", President Peña Nieto pointed out.

## Tourism in Mexico

### The National Park “El Tepozteco”



The National Park “El Tepozteco” is known for the extraordinary beauty of its landscapes and green woods. On the top of Tlahuiltepec mountain, you can visit an Aztec temple -the Tepozteco House-, dedicated to Ometochtli-Tepoxtécatl, God of the Pulque, Fertility and Harvest. This pyramid was built between 1200 and 1300 B.C. at a height of 600 meters above the Tepoztlán Valley. “El Tepozteco” impresses its visitors with biological diversity, especially the Volcano rabbit (*Romerolagus diazi*), known

as “zacatuche” in the Aztec language Nahuatl, an endemic species of the National Park “El Tepozteco”, whose preservation is important for all of us.

Read more about the National Park “El Tepozteco” (in Spanish): [bit.ly/2kZ1M3Y](http://bit.ly/2kZ1M3Y)

### Mexico's tourism reached record figures in 2016



From January to December 2016, Mexico's tourism sector reached historical record figures by achieving a growth of 9 per cent of international tourists and 10.4 per cent of foreign exchange revenues. These results consolidate the tourism sector as one of the most important impulses for Mexico's economy, the Tourism Ministry stated.

According to figures published by the Bank of Mexico (Banxico), the number of international tourists who visited national destinations from January to December 2016 increased to 35 million. This is an increase of 9 per cent with regard to 32.1 million registered in 2015 in the same period of time. Banxico also informed that the foreign exchange revenues from international visitors in Mexico registered a growth of 10.4 per cent. In the abovementioned period, the revenues reached 19,571 million dollars in comparison to 17,734 million dollars in 2015.

More information (in Spanish): [bit.ly/2ILSxrU](http://bit.ly/2ILSxrU)

## News from Mexico

### Mexico will host Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction 2017

Mexico is committed to achieving that this year's international forum contributes to save lives, not only in our country, but in the whole world. Mexico was elected for hosting the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, which will take place in Cancun from May 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017. This decision recognizes Mexico's institutional evolution and contributions to the world regarding civil protection in the last 30 years. The Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction is the forum that brings together governments, intergovernmental organizations, NGOs, local communities, mayors, parliamentarians, scientific and academic institutions, the private sector and other players that are involved in disaster risk reduction.

Read more: <http://www.unisdr.org/conferences/2017/globalplatform/en/>

### Foreign Minister Videgaray at the G20 Foreign Ministers meeting in Bonn



On February 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, Mexican Foreign Minister Luis Videgaray participated in the G20 Foreign Ministers Meeting in Bonn. Germany invited to the meeting in the framework of its G20 Presidency in order to dialogue about global issues, like the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Maintenance of Peace and Cooperation with Africa. As a part of the Ministerial Meeting, a

session on "Maintaining Peace in a Complex World" was organized, in which the G20 Foreign Ministers exchanged their point of view on this topic. Videgaray seized the opportunity to hold bilateral meetings with some of his G20 counterparts from Spain, France, China, Brazil, Singapore, Norway, Germany, United Kingdom and Indonesia.

## Economy

### Special Economic Zones



The Government of Mexico is working on some strategies to create Special Economic Zones as a short-term development and investment incentive. Special Economic Zones will help to impulse the country's development by attracting investments and strengthening the national market. It is important to focus on the inside of our country.

Read full article (in Spanish): [bit.ly/2kKVxt5](http://bit.ly/2kKVxt5)

## Consular Department

### Raids against undocumented immigrants in the United States

The Embassy of Mexico in Austria joins the Mexican Government's efforts to support members of the Mexican community in the United States who might be susceptible to facing US immigration authorities. Since we all have relatives, friends or acquaintances who we would like to inform, and in order to avoid potential problems, we have collected some recommendations so that our readers can share them with whoever might need them.

Firstly, the current deportation raids in the US are due to governmental politics against illegal immigration, which is irrespective of the controversial presidential travel ban against the citizens of seven Muslim countries. Thus, the raids are basically directed against those who might be living illegally in the United States.

According to international media, the current Administration has extended these raids. In addition to the inspections carried out by *ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement)* at random workplaces and private homes, border agents are now authorized to report or hand over to the immigration authorities any person who might be undocumented.

Therefore, there is a risk that fellow citizens in the US might be controlled at work, on the road or at home. In that case, it is very important to be aware of everyone's basic rights:

1. There is no US authority entitled to search a private home registrar nor to arrest a person without a judicial warrant issued specifically to raid and arrest a particular person or home and signed by a judge of the competent court of law.
2. Everybody has the right to protect their privacy, thus, nobody is obligated to answer questions which the authorities might ask regarding one's personal situation.
3. Everybody has the right to ask for an interpreter if they don't speak or understand English and to call a lawyer, especially the right to contact their country's Embassy or Consulate in case of any proceedings against them.
4. Parents have the right to entrust someone, like family or friends, with child custody of their under-aged kids, at any time. This can be done with a notarized authorization.

Facing an inspection by US immigration authorities, it is possible to exercise the following rights, indicated in the infogram on the next page.

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In the case of a detention, the first thing you have to do is to ask for being allowed to contact the nearest Mexican Consulate. The consular staff will ensure that the rights of Mexican fellow citizens are being respected and that the corresponding legal proceedings are carried out. For example, they have the right to request a consultation with an immigration judge before being

deported. You are not obligated to give any information or sign anything before knowing the kind of proceedings you are facing and all the options you have. The Centre of Information and Assistance for Mexicans (CIAM, Spanish acronym) is also available 24/7 by phone +1 800 288 66 88, +52 166-562-9836 (Mexico City) and +1855-46-36-395 (United States).

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