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On May 26th 2009, President Felipe Calderón appointed him State Secretary for Population, Migration and Religion Affairs, at the Ministry of Interior, where he had been serving as Lead Adviser to the Minister since November 2008. From 2007 to 2008, Mr. Poiré Romero was Director of Political Analysis at President Calderón's Office, and was then commissioned to the office of Political Development at the Ministry of Interior.

Previously, he was also adviser to the National Institute of Statistics on the creation of the first National Survey on Political Culture and Citizenship Practices (2001). From 2003 to 2005, he also served as a senior official in Mexico's Electoral Institute (IFE), the independent electoral management body that organises Mexico's elections. Mr. Poiré Romero's specific job was to enforce the laws on political parties, which include disbursement and auditing of their public finance.

Noteworthy is his contribution to *Towards Mexico's Democratization: Parties, Campaigns, Elections, and Public Opinion* and *Mexico's Pivotal Democratic Election*.