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AMB. PATRICIA ESPINOSA CANTELLANO
Secretary of Foreign Affairs

Ambassador Patricia Espinosa was appointed Secretary of Foreign Affairs on December 1st, 2006.

She has been a member of the Mexican Foreign Service since September 16th, 1981, and was promoted to Ambassador in January 2000.

From June 2002 until November 2006, she served as Ambassador to Austria, Slovenia and Slovakia and as Permanent Representative to the International Organizations in Vienna, and from 2001 through 2002, as Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany.

She was Director General of Regional Organizations of the Americas at the Secretariat of Foreign Affairs, from 1997 until 1999, National Coordinator for the Rio Group, the Ibero-American Summit, and the Latin America and Caribbean – European Union Summit.

She was assigned to the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations in New York, from 1993 through 1997. In September 1997 she completed her tenure as President of the 3rd Committee, at the 51st Session of the United Nations General Assembly.

She was Director of International Organizations at the Secretariat of Foreign Affairs, from 1991 to 1993.

From 1989 to 1991, she served as Chief of Cabinet to the Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs.

From 1982 to 1988, she was responsible for economic affairs at the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations in Geneva.

Born on October 21st in Mexico City, Patricia Espinosa was educated at the German School Alexander von Humboldt in Mexico City, and completed one academic year in Ahrensburg, Germany. She graduated in International Relations from *El Colegio de México*, and continued her postgraduate studies in International Law at the Institute for High International Studies in Geneva. She is fluent in German, English and French.

Ambassador Espinosa is married and has two children ■