Mexico: Practices used in measuring stocks and flows of international migration *

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Introduction

Mexico is a country with a considerable demographic, economic, social, cultural as well as geographic diversity, aspects that jointly explain a wide variety of human movements taking place at its territory.

Different institutions in Mexico are regularly trying to quantify and characterize some aspects of the migratory phenomenon. In an outstanding position we can find the National Institute of Migration (known by its Spanish acronym INAMI), the National Institute of Statistics, Geography and Informatics (INEGI), and an academic institution: the North Border College (COLEF), which is supported by the Ministries of the Interior and of Labor and Social Security.

Diverse sources of information as well as observation and measuring units are used by these institutions to generate their own statistics. In response to legal situations, concepts are relatively different, some of them in fact moving away from international recommendations, making it difficult to observe the phenomenon in an integrated fashion and to compare it with other countries’ data.

The present paper describes Mexican policies and administrative practices currently in place for authorizing the entrance and departure of people from the national territory. Then, it describes the characteristics of the statistics produced by the three afore-mentioned institutions, enclosing the compilation forms and definitions of concepts involved. A brief reflection follows regarding compliance of the information with the recommendations issued by the United Nations. As a conclusion, an account is made of the international projects in which there has been a participation aimed to improve both coverage as well quality of information.

1. Policies and administrative practices for authorizing entrance or departure of persons to the national territory

In agreement with Mexico’s Political Constitution, all resident people in the country have freedom to move within the territory, but entrances and departures of it are regulated by the General Law of Population. This law endorses the Ministry of the Interior, through the National Institute of Migration (INAMI), the faculty to authorize the legal entrance to the country of foreigners, granting them the corresponding migratory category; to authorize changes requested among these categories; to know and register entrance and departure movements (both for nationals and foreigners); and to produce statistical information on the matter. The Law establishes that foreigners entering the country must be classified under one of the three following categories: non-immigrant, immigrant and immigrated.

Non-immigrant population

This category is granted to foreigners wishing to enter temporarily into the country under some of the following situations:

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- As **tourist**, with a stay not surpassing six months. They should be requested: passport, visa\(^2\), the filling of an application, and proof of economic solvency. In the case of children not traveling with their parents, a legal authorization from the parents is requested;

- As **person in transit**, to which a stay of up to 30 days is authorized, and the above documentation is also requested;

- As **visitors** (investor, technician or scientist, pensioner, professional, trust employee, human rights observer for electoral processes, advisor, artist or sportsman/woman); to be dedicated for a period not surpassing a year in the exercise of some lucrative activity or not. In addition to the previously mentioned documentation, they must show a supporting letter from the institution or company to which they are linked;

- As **minister of cult or religious associated**, allowed to remain up to one year, needing to have the endorsement of the religious association with which they will collaborate;

- As **political asylum seeker or refugee**, to whom the authority grants permits based on their own circumstances;

- As a **student**, for the duration of his/her studies, having to prove in addition the enrolment in an official institution(s);

- As **distinguished visitor**, up to six months;

- As **local visitor**, by not more than three days;

- As **provisional visitor**, up to 30 days;

- And as **correspondent**, who is granted a permit up to one year, requesting in addition to the common documentation, the accreditation of activities.

The migratory form (FMTTV) is used to apply for entering the country as non-immigrant. This form is shown in Annex 1.

Certainly, some of the previous categories such as tourists, transmigrants, as well local and provisional visitors, do not qualify to be considered as short or long term migrants, in terms of the recommendations of the United Nations. On the other hand, the remaining categories actually could qualify mainly by being in a position to renew their permission of stay, potentially fulfilling the requirement of duration of stay established by the UN recommendations. Moreover a large proportion of important part of people under this situation could consider the country as their place of usual residence. However, these criteria are not taken into consideration therefore they remain in the same legal situation as non-immigrants.

**Immigrant population**

This is a transit situation comprising all foreigners wishing to enter legally into the country for the first time with the intention of both staying and residing in it, and engaging in some specific activities; also those who, having arrived as non-immigrants apply for the same request. If Mexican authorities authorize

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\(^2\) Mexico exempts from visa of tourist the citizens of 28 countries with which it has a reciprocity agreement.
this status, the definitive residence is only granted until they remain in the country up to five years and fulfill a set of requirements.

These two conditions require presentation of the form "Migratory Proceeding Request ", shown as Annex 2.

When soliciting entrance under this title, foreigners must specify the activity that they will carry out from the following options: pensioner, investor, professional practitioner, tourist employee, scientist, technician, relative dependant of foreigner or Mexican, and artist or sportsman/woman.

Foreigners under this condition can leave and enter the country, as long as the total time of absence does not exceed 18 months either in a continuous or interrupted form. This migratory category is lost if the absence exceeds two years.

A foreigner can remain in this category of immigrant for five years. Then, he/she can apply to the National Institute of Migration for change of migratory condition from immigrant to immigrated.

It can be observed that notwithstanding the criterion to qualify as immigrant is proportional with the intention to reside in a permanent way, to the extent it is linked in performing certain activities according to the country's interest, seems to differ from the international recommendations. In practice, with the exception of cases consisting on people (mainly relatives) who enter the country for the first time under this category, the rest fulfill conditions of duration of stay and change of usual residence, even if the latter is not yet considered as definitive, according to Mexican authorities.

**Imimmigrated population**

This refers to foreign people in the country under the category of immigrants, who have been granted the definitive residence by the migratory authority, based on a request and its respective authorization.

These people can dedicate themselves to any allowed activity, and enter and leave the country freely. However, if they remain outside the country for more than three consecutive years, or if in a span of ten years they are absent five, they lose this migratory condition.

This category agrees with the concept of long term international immigrant, also its description differs from the international recommendation.

**National Registry of Foreigners**

The INAMI incorporates within a registry all foreigners entering the country as immigrants and immigrated, as well as some categories of the non-immigrants, namely the case of scientists and ministers of cult. This registry contains information related to the people and their economic activity, their address and family composition. People registered are required to inform on changes taking place.

**2. Exploitation of INAMI’s administrative registers for statistical purposes**

**Border flow statistics**

The most well-known and disseminated statistics of the National Institute of Migration (www.inami.gob.mx) are those related to movements (inflows and outflows) of people into and from the country, which are not strictly considered as migration statistics or about migrant people, since they consider neither the intention to reside, nor the duration of the stay or the change of usual residence. The
formats used are: the FME for Mexicans, filled at the time of entering any border port (shown in Annex 3); and the FMTTV (shown in Annex 1), which is filled by foreigners exclusively at airports or maritime ports.

Processing of first format (FME) allows production of statistics on the arrivals and departures of Mexicans, making distinction on whether they have their residence in Mexico or abroad. Thus, in the year 2005 nearly 7.2 million movements of conational were registered, of which 4.4 million are arrivals and 2.8 million are departures.

Likewise, processing of FMTTV format provides information on the number of movements of foreigners taking place, distinguishing their migratory condition – non immigrant, immigrant or immigrated. During same year 2005, 20.7 million arrivals and 18.1 million departures of foreigners were recorded.

**Immigration stats from Migratory Proceeding Request**

Exploitation of data contained in the form “Migratory Proceeding Request” used for authorization of immigrants leads to the generation of statistics with respect to the number of people entering the country with the intention to reside in it; or while being immigrants they request to change their situation to immigrated. This is probably similar to the concept of annual authorized flow of international migrants. In this sense, during 2004 a total of 3,129 foreigners were registered as immigrants and 1,198 modified their situation to immigrated. Unfortunately, registration of definitive exits from the country, or death of these people are not statistically processed on a regular basis, as most of the time this information is not declared.

Information contained in the National Registry of Foreigners by definition is the source to know the size (stock) of population subject to be considered as international authorized immigrants. However, this instrument is about to be concluded, systematized and updated. Thus, the country has not yet statistics on the matter ready to be used.

**Authorization to work on temporary basis (FMVA)**

An additional statistic connected with the subject in question, refers to the number of people asking for authorization to work on temporary basis at the southern border localities of the country, where they are provided with an entrance card (see form FMVA in annex 1). On this aspect, it is known that during 2005, slightly less than 46 thousand authorization entrances for farm visitors were issued.

**Expulsions**

A final statistic produced by the INAMI is related to the number of expulsions (one individual can be detained in multiple occasions) of undocumented Mexicans, performed by authorities of the United States of America and data on undocumented foreigners returned by Mexican authorities. On this respect, during the year 2005 a total of 537 thousand Mexicans were returned and Mexican authorities carried out 232 thousand devolutions, 43% to Guatemalans.

**3. Statistics on international migration generated by INEGI**

Different from statistics generated by the INAMI, which consist of events contained in administrative records, the information produced by the National Institute of Statistics, Geography and Informatics INEGI, is obtained by direct household interview to all resident population in the country ?or to a representative sample? about their international migratory condition, or that of household’s members who are abroad.
Therefore censuses and some sociodemographic surveys, by being “de jure” measurements, that is to say, photographs registering the usual resident population, quantify or estimate and characterize the total international immigrant population (stock) at a certain moment, based on the question on the place of birth. Additionally, population flows of people are measured through the question related to the immediate previous residence or on a specified date ? usually five years before the interview. This situation then distinguishes as recent immigrants, both foreigners and Mexicans returning to the country after having resided abroad. Under this criterion, the 2000 Population Census identified 493 thousand foreign-born persons residing in Mexico, and 336 thousand people arriving in the last five years, where 98 thousand were born in another country and 238 thousand were nationals.

Total international emigrants (stock), defined as people born in Mexico or foreign-born individuals that, having had Mexico as their usual place of residence, chose to go to live abroad, can not be quantified in a census or in a demographic survey taken in the place of origin of the movement. But attempts have been made to know something about the flow, by means of questions that identify the people who in a recent period of time had gone to live abroad, differentiating those who continue residing abroad from those who have returned. Thus, the 2000 Census identified 1633 thousand people who moved to live or work to the United States of America between 1995 and date of enumeration. From these, 1235 thousand remained in the USA, 285 thousand had returned to Mexico, and 113 thousand people did not specify their situation.

The information on the stock and flow of resident population in Mexico that emigrates abroad is generally complemented by consulting the statistics of international immigrants issued by censuses and surveys of the receiving countries. Thus, on one hand the Mexican Population Census counts, for instance, 21 thousand Spanish immigrants or 24 thousand Guatemalans, and on the other, the Current Population Survey of the United States of America calculates that in year 2000 a total of 8.1 million Mexican-born people resided in that country, and that between 1995 and the year 2000 a little less than 1.9 million entered.

Two other statistics are regularly obtained from population censuses and sociodemographic surveys: the first one refers to commuters, described as people who, having their usual residence at the Mexican border, work on a daily basis or during rather short periods in the neighboring countries, as they have permission to enter within a strip of the territory; the second one refers to remittances received from abroad by Mexican households. The latter concept is additionally quantified by income and expenditure surveys as well administrative records of remittances through intermediaries, showing discrepancies between them due to the reluctance of households to declare in surveys this income; moreover, not all remittances between individuals in administrative records have the intention to serve as family support.

The institutional website of INEGI (www.inegi.gob.mx) and Annex 4 of this paper show the questions included in the population census of the year 2000 for identification of the categories described. As can be observed, the definition of concepts related to migrant population agrees with the international recommendations regarding the change of place of usual residence, without specifying a fixed period of such residence.

A limitation of household censuses and surveys is the location and registering of international migrant population, as well as the identification of the place of usual residence and the permanence they have in the destination. Being "de jure", asking for "people who live at the dwelling", in the countries of origin some households do not consider as such those who emigrated, despite the fact that such emigrants had the intention to return, this being so when at the countries of destination they are not declared as residents considering that they have not settled. The duration of the stay may be difficult to determine when frequent inflow/outflow movements occur. Looking at the record side, quite frequently immigrants settle
down in a country without the required documentation. They may intentionally omit registering during counts; or, fearing expulsion, they do not declare themselves as foreigners.

4. North Border College statistics on migratory flows

Starting in 1993, the North Border College (COLEF) — a Mexican institution for research and graduated formation studies in disciplines linked with border issues — signed with the ministries of Labor and of Interior an agreement to conduct a set of continuous sample surveys (EMIF) at diverse points of the border with the United States of America. These surveys were intended to deepen in the knowledge and explanation of migratory flows, by knowing firstly internal movements of nationals towards the Mexican border, either with the intention of working there or to enter into the neighboring country; and secondly, entrance to the Mexican territory of nationals returning by their own will, or due to deportation by US authorities.

Different to the approach taken by INEGI, in these surveys the measurement units are directly the people going to work to the United States (or returning from that country after a temporary work stay). Similarly, the observation units are the places where migrants concentrate — inside bus stations, airports, or arrival/departure points located in the main Mexican cities throughout the entire border. These surveys do not try to measure the stock or total flow of international migrant population, as they exclude people entering or returning by air or by seaports, as well as residents of border cities who work in USA, and they consider that the same person can appear several times in the sample. What they do show are the flows of temporary migrant workers passing through those terminals (terrestrial or aerial) when going to or returning from the United States. Therefore, these instruments quantify changes in the intensity of movements, and mainly describe the conditions motivating and resulting in displacements; as well as people’s socioeconomic characteristics; their migratory experience; their penetration into work markets; and also the availability of documents authorizing their immigration into the receiving country.

Annex 5 shows a part of one of the four different questionnaires used, together with definition of the most relevant concepts. Certainly, concepts differ from international recommendations, since they are designed to describe actual situations. The other questionnaires and surveys results are available at the institutional websites www.colef.mx and www.conapo.gob.mx.

Commencing in 2004, this survey system began also to be taken at the South border of the country (specifically in the Guatemalan border localities), with the intention of measuring the Central American migratory flows going on there, heading either to Mexico or to the United States.

5. A pending statistic task: temporary and undocumented migration

There are many areas where countries and the international community must pay greater attention to improve international migration statistics. An outstanding one refers to the measurement and characterization of population migrating for rather short periods of time and in a circular mode, and those following this pattern without knowledge of the country of origin and the authorization of the country of destination. These two sets are closely related and every day they receive greater importance for the amount and relevance they have both with regard socioeconomic development as well as the relationship of the countries involved.

Temporary and circular migration occurs when two countries with remarkable inequalities share a border and tends to lack registration by household surveys of both countries, by reason of not having well defined their usual residence. Under these circumstances advances have been obtained by combining the residence criterion, with the one of presence.
When temporary migration gains magnitude and most is undocumented, the receiving country tends to take measures to prevent the access, which leads the temporary migrant extending his/her period of stay, and to become a long term undocumented migrant.

The residual method is generally used to quantify this population, reducing authorized immigration to the estimation of the immigrant population obtained by household censuses or surveys. Generally, both measures lead to not quite reliable results, therefore it becomes advisable to explore alternatives such as the surveys on migratory flows taken at the borders.

6. **Summary of migratory flows statistics generated in Mexico**

Taking as a framework of reference the taxonomy of international inflows and outflows proposed by the United Nations, it can be observed (see Annex 6) that Mexico offers information for about 38 of the 72 categories considered, agreeing in general terms with definitions and concepts.

7. **International cooperation actions for the exchange of information, integration, measuring or estimate size and flow of international migratory currents**

The increasing importance that the phenomenon of international migration has received, its close relation with other aspects of reality, and the ignorance still prevailing on the issue, have led the country in search of alliances aimed to improve statistics and to establish consensuses. Among these, the Binational Study Mexico-United States on Migration, the Statistical Information System on Migrations in Mesoamerica (SIEMMES) Project, and the North American Working Group on Migration Statistics can be mentioned.

Facing the large differences prevailing in the middle of the 1990’s between the two countries and inside them regarding the size and characteristic of Mexican immigration in the United States of America, authorities of both nations agreed on carrying out during 1996 and 1997 the "Binational Study Mexico-United States on Migration ". Twenty specialists ?ten Mexican and ten American? were in charge of determining the approximate magnitude of the phenomenon and the characteristics of the population involved. Other aspects included were the causes and effects of movements as well as recommendations on policy actions to be adopted on the matter.

The Binational Study explicitly acknowledged limitations of data availability both in Mexico and in the United States; accepted the complementariness of some sources; and took advantage of combining information. These aspects, alongside with the incorporation of findings and conclusions of previous studies, enabled the group to reach consensus on estimations about the number of emigrants. The consensus was founded on sound technical and methodological basis. For this reason these estimations are considered a necessary point of reference in approaching the subject.

A recommendation proposed by this working group and that agreed with new approach adopted by the U. S. Census Bureau for the 2000’ census, is about the change made in the definition of usual residence, which replaced the question from previous censuses on "...How many people usually live in this house?" (‘de jure’ or “by residence” criterion), with the one of "... How many people live or stay in the house the day of reference?" (‘de jure’ and ‘de facto’ combined criteria). This is complemented with the assumption that explicitly alludes to the inclusion of people who "are staying in the house while working, although they have another place to live" ? meaning temporary workers with labor purposes. This change increased the number of migrants, although the definition moved away from the international recommendation.

In year 2006 this cooperation project was repeated. Differences with the previous one can be explained in the sense that the 1996-1997 study put less emphasis in the quantitative and measuring aspects, and more
in the explanatory factors of the phenomenon, as well as in the setting of recommendations for its attention.

SIEMMES project constitutes an extension of the work that the International Organization for Migrations (OIM) has been developing in Central America in cooperation with ECLAC through the Latin American and Caribbean Center of Demography (CELADE). Its purpose is to offer governments as well other national and regional information that enable them to know and follow up the magnitude and characteristics of international inflows and outflows of people taking place between countries of the Mesoamerican region (eight countries). They work in the articulation and matching of data generated by the different sources of information, paying particular attention to the agencies in charge of authorizing and regulating the entrance and departure of people (the INAMI is the agency for Mexico). Activities of the project also take care of training the countries’ human resources, and cooperate in the systematization of records, both for movements and legalization.

The North American Working Group on Migration Statistics was formed in the year 2001, with the participation of the national statistical offices of Canada, Mexico and the United States of America. It is aimed at fostering the exchange of information on the matter; the conduct of cooperative studies; and the collaboration for measuring migration under an integrated and common approach. Two meetings have been held, where the organizations in charge of the migratory regulation and control at the three countries have been invited, counting also with the participation of UNSD representatives alongside some research centers. As a result, a diagnosis of the regional statistical situation, and a series of sociodemographic profiles of migrants, have been issued.
ANNEX 1: Migratory Form for Tourist, Transmigrant, Visitor (FMTTV)

Forms for arrivals/departures registration at airports of non-immigrant foreigners; and identification cards for entrance of farm border workers and border visitors.
ANNEX 2

SECRETAria DE GOBERRNACION
Instituto Nacional de Migración

"Solicitud de Trámite Migratorio" 
"Application for Migratory Procedure"

Lea con cuidado antes de llenar [Read carefully before filling]
llene con letra de molde legible o a máquina [Print or type]

Nota: consulte el manual de trámites migratorios para información detallada sobre requisitos, cuadros de procedimientos, formas y demás, ya que el manual de trámites migratorios para el cumplimiento de esta ficha de solicitud debe ser leído y cumplido.

FORMA MIGRATORIA (LLENO SOLO SI EL INMIGRANTE HA EXCEDIDO LA FORMA) [Only completed form if the immigrant has exceeded the form]

Tipo y número de forma migratoria del extranjero [Type and number of the immigration document]

Número de Expediente [File number]

Para uso oficial [For official use only]

Datos del extranjero como aparecen en el pasaporte [As appear in the passport]

Apellido Paterno [First name] 
Apellido Materno [Last name] 
Nombre(s) [Name(s)]

Sexo [Sex]

Nacionalidad [Nationality]

Fecha de Nacimiento [Date of birth]

Estado Civil [Civil status]

Nacionalidad [Nationality]

Nacionalidad de Origen [Nationality of origin]

Casado [Married]

Nacionalidad Actual [Current nationality]

Otro específico [Other specific]

Estado Civil Y Nacionalidad [Civil status and nationality]

Estado Civil [Civil status]

Nacionalidad [Nationality]

Nacionalidad de Origen [Nationality of origin]

Casado [Married]

Nacionalidad Actual [Current nationality]

Otro específico [Other specific]

En el caso de que se utilice un pasaporte en el extranjero para este tramite [In case a passport is used outside the country for this procedure]

Cuidado de residencia [Care city of residence]

Para residencia actual [Current residence]

En el caso de que se documente el consulado mexicano en el que se documentará [In the case of documentizing the Mexican consulate]

DOMICILIO DEL EXTRANJERO EN MEXICO [Address in Mexico]

Calle [Street]

Número [Number]

Ciudad [City]

Estado [State]

Teléfono [Phone]

DOMICILIO PARA Oír Y RECIBIR NOTIFICACIONES [Address for correspondence]

En su caso, datos de quien tramita y nombres de quienes pueden recibir notificaciones [In case, information of those who authorize to receive notifications]

Nombre, denominación o razón social de quien realiza el trámite y, en su caso, el del representante legal [Name and data of the person or legal representative]

Apellido Paterno [First name]

Apellido Materno [Last name]

Nombre(s) [Name(s)]

Si quien trama es extranjero [If the person who requests is an alien]

Nacionalidad actual [Current nationality]

FM- Forma Migratoria [Immigration form]

Número de la forma migratoria [Number of immigration form]

En su caso, nombres de la persona(s) autorizada(s) para recibir notificaciones [Name of person authorized to receive document]

Apellido Paterno [First name]

Apellido Materno [Last name]

Nombre(s) [Name(s)]

% Servicio(s) o trámite(s) que solicita [Service(s) or procedure(s) to apply for]

Intervención a la República Mexicana [Intervention to Mexico]

Cambio de actividad o de empleador [Change of activity or employer]

Cambio de calidad y/o característica migratoria [Change of migratory status]

Ampliar actividades [Extend activities]

Ampliar, preguntar o referendar la estancia en México [Extend, ask or refer to stay in Mexico]

Otro trámite migratorio [Other migratory procedure]

Nacionalidad [Nationality]

Nacionalidad de Origen [Nationality of origin]

Nacionalidad Actual [Current nationality]

Otro específico [Other specific]

Interés en la República Mexicana [Interest to Mexico]

Cambio de actividad o de empleador [Change of activity or employer]

Cambio de calidad y/o característica migratoria [Change of migratory status]

Ampliar actividades [Extend activities]

Ampliar, preguntar o referendar la estancia en México [Extend, ask or refer to stay in Mexico]

Otro trámite migratorio [Other migratory procedure]
LLÉNENSE PARÁ EL TRÁMITE DE INTERNACIÓN O PARA CAMBIO DE CALIDAD Y/O DE CARACTERÍSTICA MIGRATORIA

Selección la calidad migratoria de NO INMIGRANTE con la
CARACTERÍSTICA O:

1. Turista (aplica sólo para internación) (Visa multiple)
2. Transitorio (aplica sólo para internación) (Visa multiple)
3. Visitantes (visitantes) (Visiting)
   a. Visitante de Negocios (Visiting business)
   b. Visitante Convenciones (Visiting Conventions or conferences)
   c. Visitante Recreación (Visiting recreation)
   d. Visitante Profesional (Visiting professional)
   e. Visitante Cargo de confianza (Visiting trust employed)
   f. Visitante Empleado de Domicilio (Visiting by invitation)
   g. Visitante para Conocer Procesos Electorales (Visiting for electoral procedures)
   h. Visitante Consejero (Visiting Advisor)
   i. Visitante Artista o Deportista (Visiting artist or sportsman)
4. Ministro de Culto o Asociado Religioso (Minister or Religious Associate)
5. Estudiate (Student)
6. Corresponsal (Correspondent)
7. Dependiente Económico de extranjero o mexicano (Dependent of foreign or Mexican)
8. Otra, especificar (Other, specify)

Selección la calidad migratoria de INMIGRANTE con la
CARACTERÍSTICA O:

1. Inmigrante Residente (Resident)
2. Inmigrante Invitado (Visiting)
3. Inmigrante Profesional (Professional)
4. Inmigrante Cargo de confianza (Visiting trust employed)
5. Inmigrante Consejero (Visiting Advisor)
6. Inmigrante Artista o Deportista (Visiting artist or sportsman)
7. Inmigrante Asistente (Visiting by invitation)
8. Inmigrante Profesional (Professional)

Selecta la calidad migratoria de LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENT

OBSERVACIONES O ACLAERACIONES QUE DESEA HACER EL INTERESADO (Notes the person wants to indicate)

DOCUMENTOS ANEXOS PARA CUBRIR LOS REQUISITOS OFICIALES (List the documents attached)

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EL EXTRANJERO PODRÁ ANEXAR A ESTE SOLICITUD CUARENTA Y OCHO OTRO INFORMACIÓN O DOCUMENTO ADICIONAL QUE JUZgue PERTINENTE (Any additional information may be added to this application if the person wants it)

PARA USO OFICIAL (Official application)
SELLO Y FECHA DE RECIBIDO (Seal stamped and date received)

Para completar de buena fe y autoridad de las transcripciones que corresponden a quince proporciones información falsa la autoridad migratoria, en los términos de los artículos 166 y 124 de la Ley General de Extranjería, se previene que las valoraciones y la información que acompañe a su solicitud son ciertos, y que no tiene recusiones a su entorno derivadas de una resolución migratoria

[Under penalty of perjury and being warned of the sanctions for giving false information to the immigration authority under Article 166 and 124 of the General Population Law and 247 of the Federal Penal Code, it must be stated that the data and information on this application are true, and that he/she does not have any immigration record]

.Layer: [Place]
Fecha [Date]: dia [day] mm [month] año [year]

NOMBRE Y FIRMA DEL INTERESADO (Applicant's name and signature)

Si el extranjero no sabe firmar, deberá imprimir su huella digital.

[Para completar any signature, please contact the General Comptrollership of the Institute National of Migration, phone 5 3 8 7 24 73, 5 3 8 7 24 11 and 5 3 8 7 24 71 For further information Call 5 3 8 7 24 00, Central Office in Mexico City]
ANNEX 3: Statistical Migratory Form (FME) in two versions:
foreigners (top) and nationals (bottom)
ANNEX 4: Questions on migratory issues included in the questionnaire for the XII Population and Housing Census 2000

A. Short form questionnaire section about Internal and International Immigration

1. For the quantification of international immigrant stock:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>1. NUMBER OF PERSONS</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>How many people live normally in this house, including children and the old ones (also count the servants who sleep here)?</td>
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<td>WRITE DOWN WITH NUMBER</td>
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<tr>
<th>4. BIRTH PLACE</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>In which state of the republic or in which country was (NAME) born?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Here, in this state ......................... 1</td>
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<tr>
<td>In other state ................................</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WRITE DOWN THE STATE</td>
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<tr>
<td>In other country .........................</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WRITE DOWN THE COUNTRY</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Concepts:

Place of birth: State or country where the person was born.

International migration: Change of place of people’s usual residence from one country to another.

Usual resident: Person regularly living in the dwelling, where he/she sleeps, cooks, eats and shelters from environmental conditions, and therefore recognizes it as his/hers place of residence. The concept includes domestic personnel and their relatives, as long as they sleep in the dwelling; it also includes the people who at the moment of the interview are present in the dwelling and have no other fixed place to live.

2. For quantification of international immigrant flow (foreign and Mexican):

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<tr>
<th>8. STATE OR COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE IN 1990</th>
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<td>5 years ago, in January of 1995, in which state of the republic or in which country did (NAME) live?</td>
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<tr>
<td>Here, in this state .........................</td>
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<td>In other state ................................</td>
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<td>In other country ............................</td>
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<td>WRITE DOWN THE COUNTRY</td>
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<th>10. IMMIGRATION CAUSE</th>
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<td>Why (NAME) stop living in (STATE OR COUNTRY)?</td>
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<tr>
<td>YOU MUST CORRELATE ONE SINGLE CODE</td>
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<tr>
<td>went to look for work ......................... 1</td>
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<td>went to meet with the family .................. 2</td>
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<td>its place of work changed .................... 3</td>
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<td>went to study ................................... 4</td>
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<tr>
<td>marriage or common law relationship .......... 5</td>
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<tr>
<td>for health reasons .............................. 6</td>
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<td>for violence or insecurity .................... 7</td>
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<td>another cause ................................. 8</td>
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Concepts:

Immigrant: Person who enters in a certain geographic unit (municipality or district, state or country), to live in it.

Place of residence at a specified date in the past (usually five years before in this case January 1995): Country, state, municipality or delegation where the person resided.
B. Long form questionnaire for quantification of international emigrant flow (foreign and Mexican):

1. For quantification of international emigrant flow (foreign and Mexican):

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<tr>
<th>1. CONDITION OF INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION</th>
<th>2. NUMBER OF PERSONS</th>
<th>3. MIGRANT PERSONS</th>
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<tr>
<td>During the last 5 years, that is from January 1995 to date, does any person living with you (in this home) has gone away to live to another country?</td>
<td>How many people?</td>
<td>Please, tell me the name of each person that from January 1995 to date had gone to live to another country?</td>
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<tr>
<td>YOU MUST CIRCULATE ONE SINGLE CODE</td>
<td></td>
<td>WRITE DOWN THE NAME OF EACH PERSON IN THE SPACE QUESTION 4 PERSON LIST</td>
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<tr>
<td>Yes ....... 1</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>No ....... 2 FINISH</td>
<td></td>
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<td>WRITE DOWN NUMBER</td>
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<tr>
<th>4. PERSONS LIST</th>
<th>5. RESIDENCE CONDITION</th>
<th>6. SEX</th>
<th>7. AGE</th>
<th>8. PLACE OF ORIGIN</th>
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<tr>
<td>PERSON 1</td>
<td>When did (NAME) go away (the last time) Did he/she live with you?</td>
<td>(NAME) Is woman</td>
<td>How many years old was (NAME) when he/she went away last time?</td>
<td>In which state of the republic did (NAME) live when he/she went away last time?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WRITE DOWN NAME</td>
<td>CIRCULATE ONE SINGLE CODE</td>
<td>(NAME) Is man</td>
<td>IF HE/SHE IS YOUNGER THAN A 1 YEAR WRITE DOWN &quot;000&quot;</td>
<td>WRITE DOWN THE STATE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Yes ..... 1</td>
<td>CIRCULATE ONE SINGLE CODE</td>
<td>Man ....... 1</td>
<td>WRITE DOWN WITH NUMBER</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>No ..... 2 PASS TO THE NEXT PERSON</td>
<td>Woman ...... 2</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<th>9. DATE OF EMIGRATION</th>
<th>10. COUNTRY OF DESTINATION</th>
<th>11. COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE</th>
<th>12. DATE OF RETURN</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>In what month and year did (NAME) go to live to another country last time?</td>
<td>To which country did (NAME) go?</td>
<td>In what country does (NAME) live at the moment?</td>
<td>In what month and year did (NAME) return to the Mexican Republic?</td>
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<tr>
<td>WRITE DOWN MONTH AND YEAR</td>
<td></td>
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<td>WRITE DOWN MONTH AND YEAR</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Month ...........</td>
<td>United States of America .......... 1</td>
<td></td>
<td>Month ...........</td>
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<tr>
<td>and</td>
<td>Other country</td>
<td></td>
<td>and</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Year .............</td>
<td>WRITE DOWN COUNTRY</td>
<td></td>
<td>Year .............</td>
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Concepts:

**Condition of international migration in homes**: Situation that distinguishes households depending on the fact the whether some of its members have moved or not during the last five years to live abroad.

**International emigration**: Action through which a person leaves his/her country of usual residence to settle down in another country. In this case, the last migratory movement made between January 1995 and February of year 2000 should be considered.

**Emigrant to the United States**: Person who in the last five years previous to the interview had left Mexico to live in the United States, independently of whether he/she has returned or not to reside in Mexico.

**Returning migrant from the United States**: Person who had emigrated from the Mexican Republic to the United States, but at the moment of the interview was residing again in Mexico.
2. For quantification of commuters:

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<th>30 WORK PLACE</th>
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<tr>
<td>In what municipality or district is situated the business, company or place where (NAME) worked last week?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Here, in this municipality or district ........................................ 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>In other municipality or district ...............................................</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WRITE DOWN THE MUNICIPALITY OR DELEGATION</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>In what state (or country)?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Here, in this state ........................................................................ 3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>In other state or country ............................................................</td>
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<tr>
<td>WRITE DOWN THE STATE OR COUNTRY</td>
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Concepts:

**Place of work**: Location of the municipality or district, state or country of the company; agricultural plot; business; or public/private institution where the occupied population worked in the week of reference.

3. For the identification of the homes that receive resources of the outside (remittances).

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<th>31 OTHER ENTRANCES</th>
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<td>(NAME) receives money by:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Period: by week .......... 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>by fortnight .......... 2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>by month ............ 3</td>
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<tr>
<td>by year ............ 4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>READ ALL THE OPTIONS AND CIRCULATE THE CODE ACCORDING TO THE ANSWER</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IN THE AFFIRMATIVES RUDI HOW MANY TIMES DO YOU WRITE DOWN NUMBER THE AMOUNT RECEIVED AND THE PERIOD</td>
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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Yes</th>
<th>No</th>
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<tr>
<td>Retirement or pension? ........................................... 1</td>
<td>2 How much do you receive? $</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Aid of relatives from another country? .............. 3</td>
<td>4 How much do you receive? $</td>
</tr>
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<td>Aid of relatives within the country? .................. 5</td>
<td>6 How much do you receive? $</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Precampo or Progresa? ......................................... 7</td>
<td>8 How much do you receive? $</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other type as scholarships, rent, profits from bank accounts? .......... 1</td>
<td>2 How much do you receive? $</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
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Concepts:

**Relatives’ aid from another country**: Money received by 12 years-old and up household members coming from relatives who reside abroad. This income is published in monthly minimum wages.
ANNEX 5: Mexico North Border Migration Survey

1. Questions for quantification and characterization of flows going to the North border looking for a job or trying to go into the USA.

SELECTED QUESTIONS

13. Do you think to go to the United States?
   - Yes
   - No

13.1 Do you think to do that in the next 30 days?
   - Yes
   - No

13.1.a. Through which Mexican city are you going to cross?
   (Write the name and codify it at the office)

13.1.b. Mainly, why did you choose that city to cross?
   - Precedence to the place where you go
   - Presence to the place of origin
   - It is easy to cross
   - Guide or better alternative choice
   - Support of relatives and friends
   - Other reasons (specify)

13.1.1 Do you have a fixed place to arrive?
   - Yes
   - No

13.2 Mainly, by which of the following reasons will you cross to the United States?
   - To Work (skip to question 13.3.1)
   - Looking for job (skip to question 13.3.2)
   - Meet with relatives
   - Meet with friends
   - Shopping
   - Business
   - Other reasons (specify)

13.2.1 In your final destination do you have a work already assured?
   - Yes
   - No
Concepts:

Migrant: Person in transit at survey points located in the Mexican north border and having characteristics of any of the following groups:

- Migrants proceeding from the South: Persons coming from the south of the Mexican north border, heading to the United States or to a border city; older than 12 years; born outside the United States; living neither at the United States nor at the survey city. Their movement is caused by labor reasons (to work or looking for a job?), business, change of usual residence place, being in transit to the north, or any other reason. The last case applies only if they do not have a job, or a committed returning date to their usual place of residence.

- Migrants proceeding from the North: Persons coming from the United States or from a border city; older than 12 years; born outside the United States; not living at the survey city. Their movement to the North border or to the United States was made by labor reasons (to work or looking for a job?), business, change of usual residence place, or any other reason. The last case applies only if the stay was for more than a month.

- Returned migrants: Persons older than 12 years returned to Mexico by the US Border Patrol.
Type of migrant: Classification used for migrants proceeding from the South, including labor and potentially labor migrant categories.

Labor migrants having the United States as destination: Persons living in Mexico moving from inner country places to the north border and in one of the following situations:

- Trying to go into the United States in order to work or to look for a job.
- Trying to go into the United States for any other reason than working or looking for a job, but with previous stays in United States to work or to look for a job (that is, they have labor migratory background in the United States)
- Going to the north border for any other reason than to work or to look for a job, but having labor migratory background in the United States.
- Those who did not specify the reason for their staying, but who have labor migratory background in the United States.

Labor migrants with the north border as destination. Persons living in Mexico, moving from inner country places to the north border in order to work or looking for a job.

Potentially labor migrants with the United States as destination. Persons living in Mexico moving from inner country places thru the north border, to intend cross to the United States for other reasons than and not having labor migratory antecedents in the United States.

Potentially labor migrants with the United States as destination. Persons living in Mexico moving from inner country places to the north border, not having labor migratory background in the United States and in one of the following situations:

- Their movement has been caused for other reasons than to work or to look for a job in the north border.
- The cause of the movement is unknown.

Migrants that worked in the United States. People who return to Mexico coming from the United States, voluntarily or not, and that worked there during their last time in that country.

Migrants that worked in the north border. People returning from the Mexican northern border, having a job in the border city, staying there more time this last time. In the case of the people deported by the US Border Patrol, those who worked in the border city where they crossed to the United States the last time are considered.

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3 This classification is used only for the north proceeding flow, as it makes reference to the most recent labor experience.
## ANNEX 6: Categories considered by the United Nations, where Mexico is generating information

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<th>FOREIGNERS INFLOWS</th>
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<td>1. Border workers</td>
<td>Foreign border workers</td>
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<tr>
<td>2. Departing citizens in transit</td>
<td>Arriving foreigners in transit</td>
<td>Departing foreigners in transit</td>
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<tr>
<td>3. Departing excursionists</td>
<td>Arriving foreign excursionists</td>
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<td>4. Departing tourists</td>
<td>Arriving foreign tourists</td>
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<td>5. Departing business travellers</td>
<td>Arriving foreign business travellers</td>
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<td>6. Departing diplomatic and consular personnel</td>
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<td>7. Departing military personnel</td>
<td>Arriving foreign military personnel</td>
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<td>8. Nomads</td>
<td>Nomads</td>
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<tr>
<td>9. Citizens departing to study abroad</td>
<td>Arriving foreigners admitted as students</td>
<td>Departing foreign students</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10. Citizens departing to be trained abroad</td>
<td>Arriving foreigners admitted as trainees</td>
<td>Departing foreign trainees</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11. Citizens departing to work abroad</td>
<td>Arriving foreigners admitted as migrant workers</td>
<td>Departing foreign migrant workers</td>
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<td>12. Citizens departing to work in an international abroad</td>
<td>Arriving foreigners admitted as international civil servants</td>
<td>Departing foreign international civil servants</td>
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<td>13. Citizens departing to establish themselves in a country where they have the right to free establishment</td>
<td>Arriving foreigners having the right to free establishment</td>
<td>Foreigners departing after having exercised their right to free establishment</td>
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<tr>
<td>14. Citizens departing to settle abroad</td>
<td>Arriving foreigners admitted for settlement without limits on duration of stay</td>
<td>Foreign settlers departing</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15. Citizens departing to form a family or join their immediate relatives abroad</td>
<td>Arriving foreigners admitted for family formation or reunification</td>
<td>Departing foreigners originally admitted for family formation or reunification</td>
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<tr>
<td>16. Citizens departing to seek asylum</td>
<td>Foreigners admitted as refugees</td>
<td>Departing refugees</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17. Citizens departing to seek asylum</td>
<td>Foreigners seeking asylum</td>
<td>Departing former asylum-seekers (not granted refugee status)</td>
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<td>18. Citizens departing without the necessary admission permits</td>
<td>Foreigners whose entry is not sanctioned</td>
<td>Deported foreigners</td>
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<th>Others</th>
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