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Direct Access to Mexico with U.S. Visa

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INM introduces a new migratory form that simplifies the entrance of foreign nationals.

Starting May 1st, the foreign national bearing a U.S. Visa would be able to enter directly into Mexico for a stay that does not exceed 6 months, informed the National Immigration Institute (INM) Commissioner, Cecilia Romero.

While attending a meeting with 44 representatives of different countries, the Official commented that these new migratory measurements announced by President Felipe Calderon on March 26th have the finality of speeding the touristic flow in Mexico.

There are 135 countries in the world to which Mexico requires entrance visa, among them, from Latin America stand: Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Peru, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras and Nicaragua.

These tourism visas are issued for a minimum stay of 30 days up to a maximum of 180. According to the National Commission of Human Rights (Comisión Nacional de Derechos Humanos), around 500,000 foreign enter Mexico each year illegally, mainly through the southern border, seeking to get to the U.S. to work.

Accompanied by the General Consul of Nicaragua, Pablo Balrodano Monroy, the INM's Commissioner presented yesterday the new Manual of Migratory Criteria and Process, which establishes the use of a single migratory form that simplifies the entry process for all foreign nationals.

She also mentioned "We need more open and secure borders, which we can have by taking advantage of the technological weapons that allow us to expedite the process and respect the dignity and the rights of the people that enter or travel through our country".

She also mentioned the efforts of the Mexican Government to diffuse the new Migratory Law, whose main job is to synchronize the existing international agreements with Mexico in regards to human rights that allow us to move forward into the XXI century.

Romero Castillo explained that this pre-project arises from the advice gathered through different forums of specialists, academics, legislators and representatives of civil organizations.