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The Honorable Gerhard Schröder
Chancellor
Federal Republic of Germany
Bonn, Germany

via HE German Ambassador to Mexico

Dear Chancellor Schröder,

On behalf of the people of Guanajuato and my government, allow me this opportunity to extend my most heartfelt congratulations to you on your election as the new Chancellor of Germany.

You are entering the community of world leaders at a historic juncture, and I offer to you my prayers that you will find wisdom of action, compassion of heart and clarity of thought as you seek to guide Germany through the opportunities and challenges of the coming century.

I read with great interest your pledge to the German people to marry competitive-oriented innovation with social justice in order to create a more vibrant and humane society. As well, this basic and fundamental notion is the cornerstone of my administration in Guanajuato, where our efforts to bridge entrepreneurial excellence with the goals of human development have created a state with the lowest unemployment rate and highest access to education in Mexico. I must convey to you my encouragement to pursue this laudable goal, and, at the appropriate time, I would look forward to meeting you and discussing with you means to further these objectives.

I know that I can convey to the people of Guanajuato the sense that, under your stewardship, we can expect a continuation – if not strengthening -- of the warm, mutually beneficial and close relationship between our two nations, peoples and cultures.

Again, Mr. Chancellor, please accept my congratulations. I will look forward to the opportunity when we shall have a chance to meet.

Sincerely,

