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Fox Challenges Mexican Leaders to publish personal finances on the Internet

*During visit to San Francisco tells Silicon Valley Execs his use of Internet to promote
democracy in Mexico*

San Francisco -- Guanajuato, Mexico Governor Vicente Fox, in an address at the State of the World Forum attended by senior executives from Silicon Valley, challenged political leaders of Mexico to follow his lead and publish on the Internet their incomes, assets and liabilities.

"I challenge all political leaders in Mexico to follow my example and report, on the Internet, complete accountings of their salary, other income, assets and liabilities", Governor Fox said. "Only through absolute transparency can our citizens be guaranteed politicians will be their servants."

Speaking of the need for increased accountability, Governor Fox broadened his call for financial disclosure on the Internet to include all government entities. To the over 800 business and political leaders from 85 nations, Governor Fox said "Transparency should be the theme for all governments. Every Mexican government, including state and municipal authorities, should account for every single dollar of income and spending in regular Internet postings so every single citizen can know where his taxes are being invested."

"We must move from obscure untrustable governments to accountable public servants." Referring to the upcoming elections and the need for increased openness in Mexican politics, Governor Fox said "the Internet is a powerful tool for democratization in Mexico."

Governor Fox's financial disclosure statements for the last three years are available on the Internet at: <http://www.guanajuato.gob.mx/fox/patrimon.htm>

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