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THE 34TH U S - MEXICO INTERPARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE May 12-14, 1995

WASHINGTON, D C -- The U S - Mexico Interparliamentary group will meet for the 34th time since its inception in Guadalajara in 1961 thirty-four years back. 15th District Congressman Kika de la Garza has been appointed by the Speaker to serve as leader for the Democratic side of the Delegation.

Representative de la Garza said "I am honored that Speaker Gingrich has selected me to participate. This will be my 30th meeting and I look forward to once again meeting with our colleagues from the Mexican House and Senate with whom I have been able to develop a friendship through the years. Most of the agenda will cover areas of interest to the border and our part of Texas."

The agenda for 1995 follows:

COMMITTEE I -- ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

- 1.) Implementation of the International Support Package
- 2.) Mexico Recovery Plan
- 3.) NAFTA Implementation
 - * Acceleration of phase out periods
- 4.) Hemispheric Free Trade/NAFTA Expansion
- 5.) Economic Development/Tourism
 - a. North American Development (NAD) Bank
 - b. Border Environmental Cooperation Commission
 - c. Health and Environment
 - d. Border Duty Free Allowance
 - e. Border Crossing Fee
 - f. Harmonization of Customs Procedures

COMMITTEE II -- POLITICAL AFFAIRS

- 1.) Border issues
 - a. Port Security
 - b. Customs
 - c. Safe Border Crossing
 - d. Extradition Treaties
 - e. Prisoner Exchange
 - f. Treaties on Stolen Vehicles
- 2.) Immigration
- 3.) Anti-Narcotics Cooperation
- 4.) U S - Mexico Binational Commission
- 5.) Hemispheric Security
- 6.) Multilateral Cooperation -- Summit Follow-up

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