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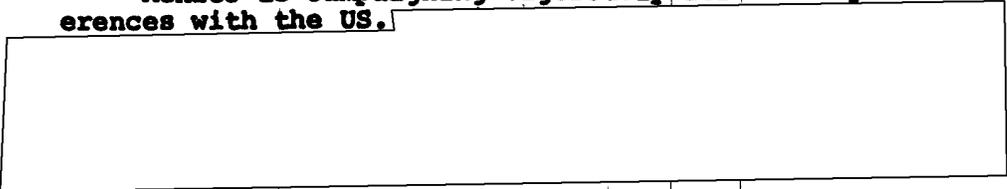
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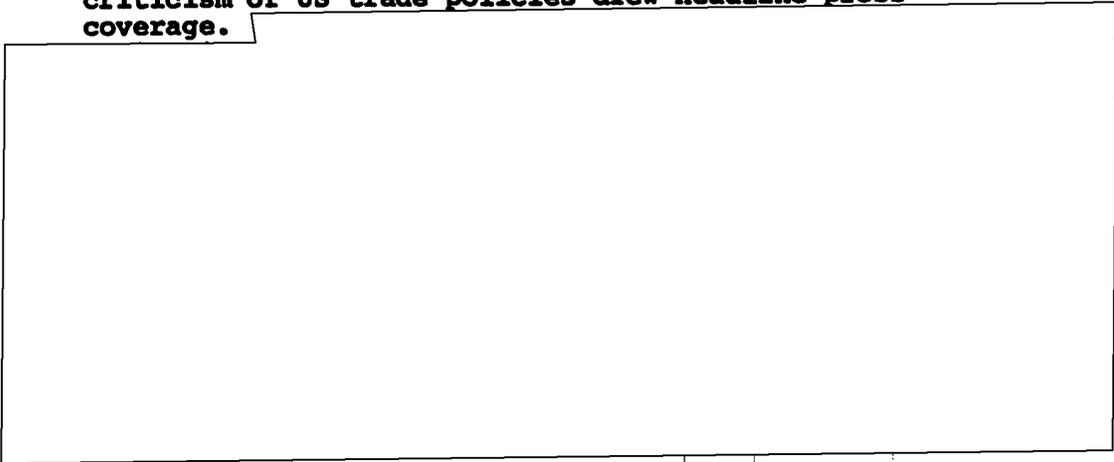
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Mexico is campaigning vigorously for trade preferences with the US.



Prior to his state visit to the US in February, Lopez Portillo widely publicized his interest in correcting the trade disparity. Nearly two thirds of Mexico's trade is with the US, and according to Mexican statistics the annual deficit from this trade last year was \$1.9 billion.

Commerce Secretary Fernando Solana, in Washington last week for talks with US officials on trade and investment, is conducting the high-profile Mexican campaign for trade concessions. Late last month he spoke to several groups, including the American Chamber of Commerce, the Mexican-Brazilian Management Committee, and the State of Mexico Industrialists Association, and his criticism of US trade policies drew headline press coverage.

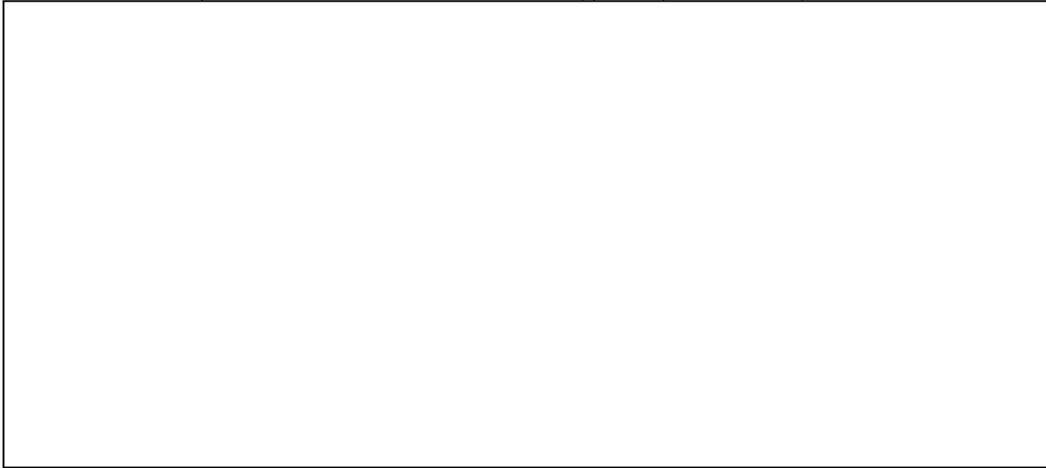


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