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Population Total 86-88 million (1990) [11th in the world] Growth rate 2% per year (1991) [compared to 3.5% in 1960s] Proportion 72% (1990) [compared to 40% in living in 1950] cities Economy GDP US\$240 billion (1990) [15th in world] GDP per capita US\$2,936 (1990) [US\$21,692 in US] GDP growth rate 4.5%-5% (1991) [compared to zero over 1981-88] Informal sector 25% of GDP (1990) Daily minimum US\$3.90 (1991) [US\$34.00 in US] wage Wages & salaries 28% of national income [compared to 44% income (1989) in 1976] Total foreign US\$102 billion (1991) debt Foreign debt US\$13 billion/yr. (1991) service Net capital US\$10.3 billion (1st half inflow 1991) Trade deficit US \$11.5 billion (1991 est.) Social welfare indicators Life expectancy 69 years (1991) Infant mortality 36 per 1,000 births (1990) Access to safe water 89% (1985-88) Access to health facilities 85% (1985-88) Rural children malnourished 50% (1990) Rural households under 43% (1990) poverty line Urban households under 23% (1990) poverty line Living in extreme poverty 17 million (1990) Unemployment 18% (1990 est.) Literacy 92% (1990) Sources: Inter-Hemispheric Education Resource Center (Albuquerque, NM), and Southwest Voter Research Institute (Albuquerque, NM).

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