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On Oct. 14 in Mexico City, a spokesperson for the Democratic Revolution Party (PRD) said the PRD is willing to work with the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) on election campaign reform. PRD Deputy Liliana Flores Benavides described as necessary a basic agenda that guarantees impartial elections, sets limits on campaign spending and provides equal access to the mass media.

On Oct. 18, PRD national secretary Javier Gonzalez qualified Flores' statements. He said the party was not necessarily seeking a dialogue with the PRI alone, but rather with all political and social groups. According to an editorial appearing in the Catholic Church's publication, "Nuevo Criterio," the Church called for greater democratization through broad-based reforms of local and national elections. The editorial said recent developments surrounding the gubernatorial races in San Luis Potosi and Michoacan have raised doubts about the fairness of the process. (Source: Notimex, 10/14/92, 10/18/92)

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