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On Nov. 17, Hector Sanroman Arriaga, a deputy secretary for the Confederation of Mexican Workers (Confederacion de Trabajadores de Mexico, CTM), said loss of work time due to work-related accidents in Mexico averaged about 16 million hours in 1991, compared to 14 million hours in eight other Latin American countries. Next, Sanroman Arriaga attributed the high absenteeism rate among Mexican workers to poor working conditions in rural areas, overwork, malnutrition, low wages and stress. Sanroman Arriaga suggested that if more attention were paid to health conditions and the working environment, the number of total work accidents could be reduced by 50% within five or six years. (Source: Notimex, 11/17/92)

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