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The Tourism Secretariat (Secretaria de Turismo, SECTUR) has given the central state of Aguascalientes more responsibility in planning and regulating tourism within the state's boundaries. On Jan. 12, Tourism Secretary Pedro Joaquin Caldwell said the move will end duplication of efforts and give Aguascalientes greater control over tourism-related promotional and investment activities. In other tourism industry news, El Financiero daily business newspaper reported that sales of time shares in hotels and condominiums are quickly becoming a major source of growth for the Mexican tourism industry. During 1992, over 1,000 weeks, worth about US$600 million, were sold. According to Gabriel Oropez Griffith, executive vice president for information, statistics and development for the tourism industry association AMDETUR, approximately 200,000 tourists are expected to visit Mexico in 1993 for the sole purpose of using a time-share rental. Oropez Griffith said that as of year-end 1992, about 106,000 weeks of time-share have been sold in advance for the next 30 years. (Sources: El Financiero, Notimex, 01/12/93)