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## **Venezuelan President: Mexico Will Lose Its Identity In Economic Integration Process With U.S.**

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In an interview published in the Feb. 16 edition of French daily newspaper Le Monde, Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez said that Mexico must choose between aligning itself with Latin America, and becoming a member of a common market with the US and Canada. Perez asserted that Mexico cannot maintain its identity if it adheres to a process of integration with the US. He added, "Mexico needs integration with Latin America, and the countries of the region need Mexico." (Basic data from Notimex, 02/16/89)

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