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On June 26, Foreign Ministry undersecretary Andres Rosenthal told reporters that Mexico has formally requested admission to the Pacific Basin as a permanent observer. He said that in early 1987 Pacific Basin member-nations decided to implement a moratorium on new membership to the organization. Nonetheless, said Rosenthal, Mexico City expects rapid approval of its request by the organization's executive committee. Mexico seeks to attend the Pacific Basin's next plenary session, scheduled for mid-November in New Zealand. Mexican delegates attended the April 27, 1988 conference in the capacity of informal observers. Rosenthal said several commissions had been established since last December to study Mexican trade and joint enterprise prospects in several product areas with Pacific Basin nations. The ministry official also pointed out that the government plans to upgrade its diplomatic missions in many of these countries. (Basic data from Notimex, 06/26/89)

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