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**FRONT THE CHANGE, A CHALLENGE FOR MEXICO:
WATER CONSERVATION**

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Abstract

Mexico is one of the richest countries talking about natural resources. Nevertheless, the water administration is one of the most serious problems than the new government have to face. The President initiates his period of six years with the great challenge to increase the three great aspects of the hydraulic sector: the water availability, the environmental and its economic development. The new political in Mexico is visibly the worst scene to carry out this difficult task. It is enough to say that when the financial plan was approved for the present year, the most affected section by the budgetary reduction were the environmental and natural resources; because of that, 658 million pesos (66 million dollars) were taken it, 593 million (60 million dollars) correspond to the National Water Commission. Besides, many River Basin Councils and the operating potable water organisms in Mexico are economically limited; that had been transformed into a diminution of the quality of the service.

Another one of the serious problems that must be confronted in the next years is the estimate of the availability and the distribution of the resource water in Mexico. In order to make the estimation the legal and juridical support it is already prepare. Mexico is one of the few countries in the world that has a very complete normative structure in the water administration and environmental domain. It is enough to mention the National Water Law NWL (and its Regulation), the General Law of the Ecological Balance and Protection to the Atmosphere and the Regulation in the matter of Environmental Impact. However, all the orderings of this normative have not been applied correctly. In this sense and in spite of counting with all necessary legal and administrative elements; it is important to introduce the following question: how to obtain a development of the hydraulic sector through an limited economy?

The present paper reviews on a critical style, the main legal aspects in matter of water and environmental in Mexico, its present situation, the fundamental components and set out some strategies and actions to carry out during the next administration. The analysis converges mainly in the relation: availability and economic development of hydraulic sector. This paper attempts function as a consultation document for the development of Hydraulic Program 2000-2006 and as an auxiliary guide for the Commission of Hydraulic Resources in the House of Representatives, in Mexico.