

U.S./MEXICO ACCORD WORKING GROUP MEETING ON MIGRATORY FARM LABOR ISSUES

January 16, 2002

**Salon Chapultepec, Hotel Aristos, 276 Paseo de la Reforma
Mexico City, Mexico**

- 8:15 U.S. Delegation breakfast (Salon Puebla)*
- *Speaker invited from Embassy's political section*
- 10:00 Words of welcome and introductions**
- **Nathan Rudgers, Commissioner, NY State Dept. of Agriculture and Markets**
 - **Lorenzo Hernandez, Secretary of Agricultural Development, Colima**
- 10:20 Issues of concern to U.S. state officials [comments from U.S. Commissioners, Secretaries and Directors]**
- 11:00 U.S./Mexican discussions on immigration issues at the federal level**
- **Representative of SRE (Gustavo Mohar, invited)**
 - **Robyn Bishop, Minister-Counselor for Consular Affairs, U.S. Embassy**
- 12:30 Break**
- 12:45 Issues of concern to Mexico presented by representatives of AMSDA**
- **Remittances and money exchanges**
 - **The welfare of Mexican workers in transit**
 - **The welfare of Mexicans resident in the United States**
 - **Other issues**
- 2:00 Luncheon**
- 3:30 Long-term solutions to migratory farm labor concerns**
- **H2A reform or other types of guest worker programs**
 - **Improved recruitment systems**
- 4:30 Short-term options to deal with the current situation**
- **Matricular visas**
 - **Means of dealing with cultural issues on and off the job**
 - **State-to-state relationships and problem-solving**
- 5:30 Points of agreement and next steps**
- 6:15 Discussion of agenda items for U.S./Mexico bilateral meeting in Montreal (Sec. Salinas, Sec. Hernandez, Sec. Takasugi and Comm. Combs)*