



Press Release

I hereby inform you that today, Mexico's Lower House **APPROVED** the Bill that creates the Mexican Space Agency, to be forwarded to the President of Mexico for its civil effects.

The Mexican Space Agency (AEXA) is created as a decentralized public branch that will report to Mexico's Ministry of Communications and Transport (SCT) and will be in charge of the design and execution of Mexico's space policy, as well as national and commercial space programs related to manned space transportation systems, development of new technologies, agreements with scientific universities and institutions, and the promotion of research and education in Science and Technology, among others.

The Mexican Space Agency is a project created and promoted by engineer **Fernando de la Peña Llaca** (Main Promoter) and by the government of the Mexican state of Hidalgo, which began all the negotiations with the Federal Executive Branch since 2004.

On October 25th, 2005 the initiative containing the "Decree Project issuing the Bill which creates the Mexican Space Agency" is presented by Moisés Jiménez Sánchez, Mexico's Lower Chamber Representative by the state of Hidalgo, before Mexico's Lower House, that was then forwarded to Mexico's Science and Technology Commission.

On April 26th, 2006, it was approved by 224 votes in favor, and sent to the Mexican Senate as Minutes. On April 27th, 2006, it was then forwarded to the **First United Commissions of Science and Technology and Legislative Studies**.

On October 7th, 2008, the participation of the Commission of Finance and Public Credit was approved for issuing an opinion. On October 9th, 2008, the Mexican Senate's United Commissions approved the decision.

Dated November 4th 2008, the Plenary of Mexico's Upper Chamber approved unanimously the Decision containing the Decree Project by which the Bill that creates the Mexican Space Agency (AEXA) is issued, and sent the file with the Minutes to its Colegislator, forwarding it to the Lower House's Science and Technology and Budget and Public Account Commission.

On November 15th, 2009, the Federation's Budget of Expenditures for the 2010 Fiscal Period was approved, in which an amount of 10 million Mexican pesos was budgeted to the Mexican Space Agency (AEXA) for the state of Hidalgo.

On April 8th 2010, The Lower House's Science and Technology and Budget and Public Account Commission approved unanimously the Decision sent by the Mexican Senate; therefore, just its vote before the Plenary of the Lower House was pending.

The Mexican Space Agency will also be in charge of investing in infrastructure for the future and will work through international collaboration programs with other nations, allowing space programs to be shared among space-faring nations, thus receiving access to new technologies.

One of its main goals is the creation of thousands of high-tech qualified jobs by linking to the national industry, and by collaborating to the scientific and economic development of our country.

AEXA will implement and develop new technology for the benefit of the country in areas such as: National Security, Remote Perception, Medicine, Ecology, Telecommunications, among others, thus preventing a "technological dependency".

One aspect to be considered is that AEXA's head office may be located in any state of the country. For more information, please visit AEXA's webpage: www.aexa.tv

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[Translation: Brenda Pulido. Engineer Fernando de la Peña, possible future AEXA Head, wrote the Press Release, and Brenda translated it under his authorization.]