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Top Highlights

Federal cabinet members are appointed. President-Elect Claudia Sheinbaum has appointed 20 members to her cabinet for the 2024-2030 term. Sheinbaum's cabinet consists of experienced and technically proficient individuals who will assume office on Oct. 1, 2024. More than 60 percent of her cabinet members have worked for President Andrés Manuel López Obrador, suggesting continuity in public policies. Sheinbaum will continue to appoint additional members to her expanded cabinet, starting with heads of decentralized bodies. She has announced that the appointments for Mexico's Secretaries of Defense and Navy will be finalized by late September.

2024-2030 National Development Plan is in the works. President-Elect Claudia Sheinbaum announced that she and her cabinet are actively working on the 2024-2030 National Development Plan. This plan will serve as a comprehensive framework guiding policies and initiatives over the next six years.

The Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation (SCJN) places temporary pause on Mining Law resolutions. The SCJN published an agreement instructing the country's courts to temporarily freeze resolving conflicts of criteria and appeals related to reforms to the Mining Law, among other matters concerning concessions, until it resolves the constitutionality of the corresponding decree, which was challenged by the parliamentary minority in Mexico's Chamber of Deputies.

International Monetary Fund (IMF) lowers growth forecast. The IMF has lowered its growth forecast for Mexico to 2.2 percent in 2024, down from the 2.4 percent projection in April. For 2025, the IMF has revised its estimate for Mexico's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to 1.6 percent, 0.2 percentage points higher than the forecast projection made three months ago.

Inflation rates increase. Inflation in Mexico accelerated for the third consecutive fortnight, reaching 5.61 percent annually in the first half of July – the highest reading in 14 months since May 2023 – which was driven by surges in fruit and vegetable prices, as well as energy prices. Another surprising data point was the biweekly variation of the National Consumer Price Index (INPC), which was 0.71 percent, well above the expected 0.47 percent. This increase was the highest for the same period since 1996, according to National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI) records.



Congress Report

Conclusion of Mexico's Permanent Commission of Congress. The Permanent Commission will conclude its activities on Aug. 30. Subsequently, the LXVI Legislature of the Congress of the Union of Mexico will commence on Sept. 1. Committees from both chambers have concluded their respective activities, leaving more than 8,000 legislative projects pending. Despite the legal deadline for reports having passed, it is anticipated that the incoming legislature will prioritize enacting pending regulations, including constitutional reforms, water legislation and labor rights.

Discussions expected on proposed judicial reforms. The judicial reform proposed by President Andrés Manuel López Obrador will undergo adjustments based on the conclusions from the National Dialogues, which will close on Aug. 8. The political parties have confirmed that the draft of the judicial reform will be discussed on Aug. 22 and voted on, with the aim of having it ready for the next legislature to debate and vote on it in the plenary session in September.



Federal economic package underway. The Ministry of Finance and Public Credit (SHCP) has until Nov. 15 to submit the 2025 Economic Package (Income Law, Federal Expenditure Budget, Rights Law, Fiscal Miscellaneous Law) to Congress. This package will be central to public debate during the LXVI Legislature's initial period.



Executive Branch

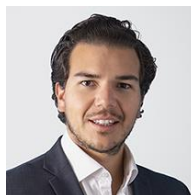
National Climate Change Strategy Update. The Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT) will update the National Climate Change Strategy in accordance with the General Law on Climate Change. This update will strengthen action lines for adaptation, mitigation and cross-cutting climate policies nationwide.

Official standards on packaging hazardous materials are published. The executive has published NOM-002-SCT-SEMAR-ARTF/2023, which pertains to the list of hazardous substances and materials (dangerous goods). The standards provide instructions and use of packaging/containers, intermediate bulk containers (IBC), large packaging/containers, portable tanks, multiple-element gas containers and bulk containers for the transportation of dangerous goods.

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