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Mexico's Post Electoral Quandary & its Implications

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Dear Colleague:

It is my pleasure to invite you to an interactive breakfast discussion with some of Mexico's leading political experts from **9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday, August 18, 2006, in the B1 conference center of CSIS**, located at 1800 K St. NW.

This roundtable discussion will take place at a time when there are still many unanswered questions arising from Mexico's July 2nd presidential election. That country's Federal Electoral Tribunal (TEPJF) is still in the midst of completing the adjudication process of an election, which has been vociferously disputed by the left-of-center coalition *For Everyone's Well-Being*.

In an attempt to try and make some sense of the election; its disputed outcome; the adjudication process; the intensifying campaign of civil disobedience by *For Everyone's Well-Being*; prospective resolutions to the political impasse; and its complex implications for Mexico's next president and congress, we have invited three very highly specialized individuals to address different facets of Mexico's post-electoral landscape.

Raul Avila is the former Coordinator of International Affairs for Mexico's Federal Electoral Tribunal (TEPJF) and is intimately familiar with the adjudication process. Sergio Sarmiento is one of the most highly regarded political commentators in Mexico, a reputation which he has earned through his consistently objective and balanced analysis of Mexico's political life. Jeffrey Weldon, on the other hand, is one of the foremost experts on the Mexican Congress and will analyze the composition of the bicameral congress and its prospects for consensus building.

Please RSVP by noon on Thursday, August 17 to Kristin Wedding, Mexico Project Research Associate, by email to kwedding@csis.org. We look forward to seeing you on August 18.

Regards,

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