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BACKGROUND

Background

- During the summit meeting held in Tokyo on June 5, 2001, H. E. Mr. Junichiro KOIZUMI, Prime Minister of Japan and H. E. Mr. Vicente Fox Quesada, President of the United Mexican States, decided to establish the Joint Study Group, comprised of individuals from business, academic and government circles, in order to comprehensively study ways to strengthen the bilateral economic relations, including the possibility of the Japan-Mexico Free Trade Agreement (FTA).
- The Joint Study Group established for this objective first identified issues and areas for improvement and cooperation to further promote the bilateral economic relations, then discussed, in a comprehensive manner, the ways and means for improvement and cooperation as to the identified issues and areas.
- The Joint Study Group held a total of seven meetings from September 2001 to July 2002. This Final Report summarizes the main points of its discussions.

In Part 1 (Overview), the Report briefly shows an overall picture of what was discussed at the Joint Study Group meetings. In Part 2 (Liberalization of Trade and Investment) and Part 3 (Facilitation, Bilateral Cooperation Measures and Settlement of Disputes), the Report details the discussions of the Joint Study Group on specific topics.

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