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Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari will visit Australia from 22-24 June 1990 as a guest of the Australian Government.

This will be the first Mexican Presidential visit to Australia, the main purpose of which is to promote bilateral trade and investment. President Salinas will also discuss political and economic developments in the Pacific and multilateral issues such as disarmament when he meets with me and other Government Ministers in Canberra on 22 June. The President is scheduled to meet with business leaders in Sydney on 23 June.

While Australia-Mexico trade is currently valued at around \$137 million a year, the recent liberalisation of the Mexican economy provides opportunities for enhanced trade.

Australia has had cordial and constructive relations with Mexico since the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1966. I welcome President Salinas' visit as an opportunity to strengthen further the relationship and to enhance bilateral economic links.

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