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REASONS: 1.4(B/D).

1. (SBU) Felipe Calderon security cabinet appointments, made the day before his December 1 presidential inauguration, include: Guillermo Galvan Galvan as Secretary of Defense, Mariano Francisco Saynez Mendoza as Secretary of Navy, Genaro Garcia Luna as Secretary of Public Security, and Eduardo Medina Mora as Attorney General. These appointments completed Calderon\ 's naming of the new Mexican Cabinet. Calderon announced his political cabinet selections on November 29 (ref A), social cabinet selections on November 24 (ref B), and economic cabinet selections on November 20 (ref C). Biographies of the security cabinet members follow.

Guillermo Galvan Galvan, Secretary of Defense (SEDENA)  
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2. (SBU) General Guillermo Galvan Galvan is a former head of the presidential guard (Estado Mayor Presidencial) and has been Deputy Secretary of Defense since March 2004. He was the commander of the First Corps of the National Army, military attachQ at the Mexican Embassy to Spain, and Director of the Army College. Born in 1953, he holds a Master\'s in National Security and Defense from the College of National Defense and a Bachelor\'s in Military Administration from the Mexican War College. General Galvan\'s appointment appears to signal Calderon\'s wish to preserve continuity in the army. He is considered well-disposed towards the U.S. and speaks English fluently.

Mariano Francisco Saynez Mendoza, Secretary of Navy (SEMAR)  
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3. (SBU) Admiral Mariano Francisco Saynez Mendoza has served in the Mexican navy for 47 years, having held numerous command positions, including Commander of both the Navy\'s Pacific and Gulf forces. He was also commanding director of the Center of Superior Naval Studies (CESNAV), served as Mexico\'s Naval Attache to both the U.S. and U.K., and was the Director of Security and Social Services of the Federal Forces Institute. Born in 1942, he holds a degree in geographic engineering and did advanced studies in national security at CESNAV. Admiral Saynez, who had a troubled relationship with the previous Secretary of the Navy, was a surprise choice and emerged as Calderon\'s selection after the press alleged that the front-runner\'s wife had family connections to narco-traffickers. Admiral Saynez is considered well-disposed towards the U.S. and speaks English fluently.

Eduardo Medina Mora Icaza: Attorney General (PGR)  
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4. (U) Head of Public Safety (SSP) in the outgoing Fox cabinet, Calderon named Eduardo Medina Mora Attorney General of the Republic (PGR), Mexico\'s top law enforcement job. His primary challenge will be combating narco-trafficking and organized crime. Medina Mora is the only minister whose appointment has to be confirmed by the Senate; he was confirmed and sworn-in on Thursday, December 7.

5. (U) Prior to serving as Secretary of Public Safety, Medina Mora was director of Mexico\'s intelligence agency CISEN

(Centro de Investigacion y Seguridad Nacional) from December 2000 to September 2005. He has also held posts both in the public and private sector including Assistant Director of Grupo DESC (Desarollo Economico, S.C.); Corporate Director of Strategic Planning at DESC; attorney, Medina Mora and Associates; Coordinator of Assessors for the Undersecretary of Fisheries; Head of the Department of Promotion and Marketing at CONASUPO; advisor to the NAFTA negotiating team; legal advisor to the National Agriculture and Fisheries Board; and National Advisor to the Business Coordinating

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Council. As Secretary of Public Safety, Medina Mora was Mexico's lead on the Technical Secretariat of the Alliance for the Mexico-US Border, in addition to the Top-Level Mexico-Guatemala and Mexico-Belize Border Safety Groups. He was also a principal negotiator of the North American Security and Prosperity Partnership treaty between the U.S., Mexico, and Canada.

6. (SBU) Born on January 30, 1957 in Mexico City, Medina Mora graduated from UNAM with a law degree and is a member of the Mexican College of Attorneys, as well as the American Bar Association.

7. (SBU) Comment: Medina Mora is well- and favorably known to the law enforcement agencies represented at post, as well as to many Washington actors, from his terms during the Fox Administration at SSP and CISEN. He is fluent -- if hesitant -- in English and has an easy manner in business settings. End Comment.

Genaro Garcia Luna: Secretary of Public Safety (SSP)  
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8. (U) Calderon replaced Medina Mora as Secretary of Public Security with a law enforcement and security service official, Genaro Garcia Luna, who was Director of the Agency for Federal Investigations (AFI) from its creation in 2001. Garcia Luna was named Director General for Planning and Operations of the Federal Judicial Police (PJF) in December 2000. He helped devise a reorganization plan to transform the PJF force (highly tainted by corruption) into AFI (Agencia Federal de Investigaciones, a hybrid combination of FBI and DEA functions under one roof), a professional, investigative police force that operates under the Attorney General's office -- the name change became official in November 2001. Before AFI, from 1998-2000 Garcia Luna served

as General Coordinator of Intelligence for Crime Prevention in the Federal Preventive Police (PFP), a component of the Public Safety Secretariat. He also served as Technical Secretary on the Prevention of Arms, Explosives, and

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Munitions Trafficking Subcommittee to the Mexico-U.S. High Level Contact Group. From 1989-1998 he worked for the Mexico\'s intelligence agency (CISEN) where he served as Coordinator for the Terrorism Investigation Unit. In 1989, he was promoted at CISEN to Deputy Director of Protection; Head of the Department of Technical Investigations, Office of Technical Services; and Investigator for the Office of Foreign Affairs.

9. (U) Born on July 10, 1968 in Mexico City, Garcia Luna is a graduate of the Autonomous Metropolitan University, where he earned a Bachelor\'s degree in Mechanical Engineering and a Master\'s degree in Business Administration from the Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey.

10. (C) Comment: Garcia Luna has been a trusted liaison, partner and friend of the FBI since his days at the PFP. He is a \"big picture guy\" and strategist, approaching issues and problems like the engineer that he is. His personal reputation is very good, however that of some of his underlings has not been as favorable. Embassy interlocutors describe Garcia Luna\'s personality as intense. His Spanish is often mumbled and spoken at a staccato rate and hard to understand even for native speakers; his English capabilities are negligible. His attitude toward the U.S. is friendly.

11. (C) Comment continued: Garcia Luna and Medina Mora are close personally and politically. Having both of them at the top of the civilian security structure should help maintain the excellent cooperation that the USG law enforcement agencies enjoyed with the Fox administration. Both men have been strong advocates of the need for significant restructuring of the federal police structure; Garcia Luna even wrote a book about it. End Comment.

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