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**EUROPEAN UNION OBSERVATION MISSION
EXTENDS ITS PRESENCE IN THE COUNTRY**

By invitation of the Mexican electoral authorities, the European Union Election Observation Mission (EU EOM) has been in Mexico since 10 June 2006 to follow the several phases of the electoral process. A group of around 80 observers was deployed to all 31 States and the Distrito Federal to observe the electoral campaigns, the 2 July 2006 elections and the counting of votes at district level.

The Mission is closely following the legal procedures now underway at the Electoral Tribunal (TEPJF, in its Spanish acronym) and has decided to extend its presence in the country until the court rules on the qualification of the presidential election, the final results, and the declaration on the validity of the elections and of the president-elect.

The final assessment of the electoral process will be made at the conclusion of its different phases. The Mission, headed by José Ignacio Salafranca Sanchez-Neyra, from Spain, member of the European Parliament (MEP), will issue after the completion of the entire process a final report containing detailed recommendations and suggestions to improve the election process.

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