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Prime Minister

Agree to receive Mexican

Foreign Minister?

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Yes not

Dear Idun,

Visit to UK of Mexican Foreign Minister

The Mexican Foreign Minister, Lic Sepúlveda, plans to hold a conference of Mexican Ambassadors in Western Europe in London on 24-27 June, and wishes to spend 28 and 29 June on official calls in the United Kingdom. The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary has agreed to receive him for talks, followed by lunch, on 28 June.

Anglo-Mexican relations reached a high point with the Prime Minister's visit in 1981 and have been further strengthened both by Mexican appreciation of the British response to the financial crisis last year and by the Royal Visit in February. During the Royal Visit both Lic Sepúlveda and President de la Madrid made clear that they wanted to establish a closer relationship between the Mexican and British Governments.

When the Mexicans last held a Heads of Mission Conference in London in 1981 the then Foreign Minister, Jorge Castaneda, called on the Prime Minister as well as having talks with the then Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary. It would greatly enhance the value of this visit if Lic Sepúlveda could be received by the Prime Minister on this occasion for a short meeting. This would demonstrate the importance we attach to our bilateral relations and would reciprocate the meeting which Mr Pym had with the Mexican President when he was in Mexico in February as Minister-in-Attendance upon The Queen.

Yours ever

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