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Mexico: Information contained in the National Registry of Public Security Personnel (Registro Nacional de Personal de Seguridad Pública), as well as information on the schedule for updating the information; whether the names of former and current police officers are in the registry

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According to the third report on the implementation of the national development plan for 2007-2012 (*Tercer Informe de Ejecución del Plan Nacional de Desarrollo 2007-2012*), in 2009, 665,041 security personnel employed by any of the 31 states or by the Federal District were included in the National Registry of Public Security Personnel (Registro Nacional de Personal de Seguridad Pública) (Mexico 2009a, 121). This report contends that there was a 5.2 percent increase in enrolment from 2008 and a 13.9 percent increase from 2006 (*ibid.*).

According to Article 122 of the General Law on the National Public Security System (*Ley General del Sistema Nacional de Seguridad Pública*), the National Registry of Public Security Personnel contains

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updated information on the members of federal, Federal District, state and municipal institutions, containing at least:

Information that makes it possible to fully identify and locate public servants, their fingerprints, photograph, school record and public service background, as well as their record in public security;

Any incentives, recognition or sanctions corresponding to a public servant; and

Any change in the public servant's posting, activity or rank, as well as the reasons for such change (Mexico 2009b, Art. 122).

With respect to updating the registry, Article 123 of the same act establishes the following:

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The competent federal, Federal District, state and municipal authorities shall keep a permanently updated Register containing files on the members of the public security institutions, in accordance with the provisions of this Act (*ibid.*, Art. 123).

This article also establishes that members of public safety organizations are [translation by the Multilingual Translation Directorate] "persons who have been duly designated as such by the competent authority, or who have equivalent legal status" (*ibid.*).

Information on whether the names of former police officers are included in this registry and on the individuals who have access to it could not be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate.

This Response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Research Directorate within time constraints. This Response is not, and does not purport to be, conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim for refugee protection. Please find below the list of sources consulted in researching this Information Request.

## References

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## Additional Sources Consulted

**Oral Sources:** A representative of Mexico's Ministry of Public Security (Secretaría de Seguridad Pública, SSP) was unable to provide information within the time constraints.

**Internet sites, including:** Mexico - Office of the Public Prosecutor of the Republic, Mexico - Secretariat of Governance (SEGOB), Mexico - Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation.

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