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**AGREEMENTS ADOPTED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE G20 LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT MINISTERIAL MEETING**

- **President Felipe Calderón Hinojosa closes the Ministerial Meeting.**
- **The Mexican Minister of Labor and Social Welfare believes the meeting's objective was reached as the G20 Labor Ministers agreed to promote quality employment.**

Guadalajara, Jalisco, May 18, 2012.

Creating quality employment will enable the member countries of the Group of 20 (G20) to lay the foundations for more prosperous and equitable societies, the Minister of Labor and Social Welfare (STPS), Rosalinda Vélez Juárez, stated when she announced the conclusions of the G20 Labor and Employment Ministerial Meeting.

Prior to President Felipe Calderón's concluding remarks, Minister Vélez acknowledged, before representatives of international organizations and members of the Cabinet, the fundamental role the G20 Labor and Employment Ministers play in promoting employment. She mentioned that there are no simple solutions nor is it possible for one social stakeholder alone to resolve the complex employment challenge: "We must join together, governments, business leaders, workers and society, to reach a real solution," she noted.

At Guadalajara's *Hospicio Cabañas*, the Minister of the STPS also remarked that in today's global economic context, young people have been the most adversely affected by the crisis: "Therefore, we have agreed to strengthen our commitment to them by promoting job training, equal opportunities, entrepreneurial initiatives and the creation of new jobs".

Minister Vélez recapped the most important conclusions reached during the Ministerial Meeting, including the priority to adopt actions that address the social and labor-related effects of the economic crisis, which can be accomplished by improving employment policies and strengthening social protection floors in different countries.

Moreover, she underscored the need to continue promoting structural reforms that reduce labor market distortions and facilitate greater market access for vulnerable groups, such as women, youth and seniors, as well as the importance to seek greater coherence between social and economic policies at the national and international levels.

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