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PROFMEX, The Wilson Center, and the Overseas Development Council (ODC) held a Joint Congressional Workshop entitled "Contemporary Mexico and Issues in U.S.-Mexican Relations," February 11-13, at Washington, D.C. Organized by the Latin American Program of The Wilson Center and the U.S.-Mexico Project of the Overseas Development Council and funded by PROFMEX, the workshop was designed to brief congressional staff members about Mexico and U.S.-Mexican relations. A number of key staffers from both houses of Congress braved the "blizzard of '83" to attend the sessions.

The sessions concentrated on the following topics: "The Mexican Crisis; Present and Past," "Migration: Regulating an Open Border," "Mexico; Oil Power, Regional Power," and "Challenges to the New Administration from Within and Without."

Opening the conference for PROFMEX was **James W. Wilkie** (UCLA). **John Sewell** (ODC) and **Abraham Lowenthal** (The Wilson Center) chaired events of the 12th and 13th, respectively. Featured speakers included **Lorenzo Meyer** (El Colegio de México), **Clark Reynolds** (Stanford), **Gerardo Bueno** (El Colegio de México), **Margaret Daly Hayes** (U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee), **Jon Rosenbaum** (Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for the Americas), and **Steven Lande** (Manchester Associates).

According to **Clint E. Smith**, PROFMEX Coordinator, "The workshop was a great success and has established high standards for future PROFMEX events to emulate." **Ricardo Nuccio**, **Barbara Friday**, and **Betsy Krystynak** made local arrangements on behalf of The Wilson Center and ODC.