

# America

## Constellation: AM Central C4

Mexico



### NEEDS

Continent: **America**  
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Country: **Mexico**

#### Cry of the Earth

- scarcity of hazardous waste disposal facilities
- natural freshwater resources scarce and polluted in north, inaccessible and poor quality in center and extreme southeast
- raw sewage and industrial effluents polluting rivers in urban areas
- deforestation
- widespread erosion
- desertification
- deteriorating agricultural lands
- serious air and water pollution in the national capital and urban centers along US-Mexico border
- land subsidence in Valley of Mexico caused by groundwater depletion

#### Cry of the Poor

- Mexican security forces have been implicated in numerous serious human rights violations—including extrajudicial killings, enforced disappearances, and torture—in the course of efforts to combat organized crime
  - Other continuing problems include violence against journalists and limits on access to reproductive rights and health care
- socio-economic gap remains wide
  - Rural areas are often neglected, and huge shanty towns ring the cities.
- Tens of thousands of people have been killed in drugs-related gang violence in the past decade
- Powerful cartels control the trafficking of drugs from South America to the US
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### Commitments