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**Administration appears serious about halting corruption, graft**

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MEXICO CITY — A white sign hangs in the motor vehicle department of a downtown Mexico City police station with a simple message printed in large black letters: "Don't offer money. We are here to serve you."

When asked why such a sign had been posted, one government employee responded with noticeable surprise.

"Because people are constantly trying to offer us money to get things done quickly. They say, 'Here's a little something, just help me out,'" the employee said, rubbing his thumb and forefingers together to emphasize his point. "But this is absolutely prohibited."

A foundation of Mexican President Miguel de la Madrid's political plan to rebuild the shattered

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