

**Committee:** Mexican Cabinet

**Topic:** Setting the guidelines for athletes to gain governmental monetary aid

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The Mexican Cabinet is a part of the executive branch of the Mexican government. It consists of nineteen Secretaries of State, the head of the federal executive legal office and the General Attorney, all of them chosen by the president. The Secretariats of State are the set of ministries or offices that make up the Federal Public Administration; a group of collaborators who attend for the development of their powers and functions to the President of Mexico. The objectives of the Mexican Cabinet are to analyze, define, follow, evaluate policies, strategies, and actions of the government in issues of the administration. They promote actions that ensure that the rectory of national development is integral and sustainable to strengthen the sovereignty of the nation and its democratic regime and so that through the promotion of economic growth and employment improve the social equity and welfare of Mexican families.

According to Cambridge Dictionary “an athlete is a person who is very good at sports or physical exercise, especially one who competes in organized events. Sport is a very important activity in the life of every person.” “Physical activity allows us to be healthy, avoid some diseases and improve our lifestyle. A monetary aid is any grant or scholarship, loan, or paid employment offered to help an athlete meet his/her expenses. Setting the guidelines for athletes to gain governmental monetary aid is a very serious topic in Mexico since athletes do not have the economic support to have a favorable development. There are different guidelines or requests the mexican government has in order to give athletes a grant. The Comisión Nacional de Cultura Física y Deporte (CONADE) is responsible for developing and implementing State policies that promote the incorporation of the population to physical, recreational and sports activities that strengthen their social and human development.

This secretary of state gives 2 types of scholarships: Economic Scholarships and Economic Scholarships for Adapted Sports. The economic scholarships are awarded to the national sports talent, preselected and selected talents, giving priority to receive support for the disciplines and tests considered within the Olympic games program of individual sports, duets, teams from three members and joint sports. The Economic scholarships for adapted sports are awarded to sports talents athletes, giving priority to receive these supports the disciplines considered within the Paralympic cycle of individual and joint sports.

The head of Conade, Ana Guevara, announced that the budget they have is insufficient for

their operations. The Conade informed that it is doing a restructuring in the procedure of allocation of scholarships because inconsistencies of athletes who are no longer active or that do not comply with the results indicated by the regulations they indicate, and “that still continued to receive support, without a technical support to back it up. ” This has made athletes very mad because they are receiving less economical support and they are 544 Mexican athletes currently participating in the Pan American Games and they are preparing for the Olympic Games. The Olympic Games promotes world peace, friendship, solidarity and justice, principles that defines the United Nations.

Mexico has not been able to stand out as it could, and the achievements it has achieved over the years in the world of sports have been a few, calculating that much more could be achieved if the government provided greater economic support to a larger number of athletes. The confrontation between the sports authorities, the lack of economic resources and the bureaucracy prevent Mexican athletes from making the leap to the world elite. Athletes have the possibility of adding medals but they will no longer be for Mexico; the lack of support for athletes, as well as irregularities has caused some athletes to turn their backs on their country. This issue has called up for attention since important events are coming up like the Pan American Games and the Olympic Games; and athletes are not going to represent their nation.

It has been known for years that support in the national sport is not good, all the time we hear about the political issues involved with the sport that affect athletes. There have been a lot of cases where the same athletes spend hours making collections or seeking private support in order to attend an event of this magnitude. Athletes only receive the announcement to represent their country, but the government doesn't provide any resources for these events, such as transportation, food expenses, etc. In other cases, family is the only support that athletes have at the beginning of their sporting path, however, in other cases it is the only support they receive during their career and all of this is due to the fact , despite the talent and potential they present in a sport, there are no support programs or adequate infrastructure or equipment for their development.

Andres López Obrador, the current president of Mexico, stated that he would give an equivalent of 20 thousand pesos per month for each of the 544 athletes and 168 coaches that participated in Lima, Peru (Panamericanos). In addition to those 20 thousand pesos, 40

thousand pesos will be given to those who obtained a gold medal, 35 thousand to those who obtained silver and 25 thousand pesos to those who obtained bronze. Additional support to Mexican athletes will be obtained from the sale of the house of the drug trafficker Zhenli Ye Gon, valued at 95 million pesos and for which it is expected to reach a figure of up to 150 million pesos.

But something important is that, in fact, it is not clear that in the case of Mexico, more budget implies better results. It is true that money matters (world historical evidence proves it) but it does not assure competitions won. Athletes need to have ideal facilities to train, they have to be able to go to qualifying events, and they have to have money to be able to devote their lives to sports. Athletes are depending on the new budget the president to continue with their careers and represent the country.

Viable Solutions:

In order to solve this issue that has overcome so important in Mexico, guidelines need to be set up for athletes to gain monetary aid. History and past events have recorded that not all athletes meet the guidelines and requirements to get this help. The government had decided that sports are an important role and that more investments need to go to that department. Even though the mexican government has stepped up to give monetary aid to athletes, more solutions need to be implemented.

- Investigation of where the money of the CONADE is going and in any case of corruption, have serious consequences.
- Recover the last budgets that athletes were receiving since the money of the sale of the house is going to end someday.
- Promote and take consciousness of practicing at any sport by the education Mexicans receive.
- Recognize the achievement offered by the athletes who represent us by obtaining medals.

Position and Research tips:

- At what point does it turn into a big problem?
- What consequences does this issue bring to the country?
- What has the government done so far?
- What are they making right now?
- What could happen if the problem is not solved?
- How has the issue developed?
- What would your representative do to solve this problem?

- What is the importance of the topic?
- How does this problem started?

Useful web sources:

<https://www.gob.mx/conade/que-hacemos>

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