**Economy, Level 3, Mexican Accent, Part I**

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Guidelines:

1. Review the questions.
2. Listen to the audio twice in repetition (click on the icon)
3. Attempt to answer the questions
4. Review the transcript and confirm the correct answers w/ instructor, gauge listening comprehension
5. Listen to the audio a third and fourth time while simultaneously reading the audio transcript.
6. Refer to the answers, vocabulary and translation to clarify doubts and uncertainties.



**Questions**

1. What is endangering public finances?
2. Risky investment platforms
3. Diminishing monetary value
4. Drop in oil production and price
5. Fall of a major financial institution
6. Why are there limited options for the government to address the issue?
7. Government is unwilling to research additional resources
8. The administration promised not to raise taxes
9. The situation detracts from confidence in the government
10. They cannot compromise existing results
11. How do these developments obligate the treasury department?
    1. Needs to provide public funding to support oil prices
    2. Has to attract investment by transnational corporations
    3. Required to evade contributing to tax increases
    4. Must aggressively pursue tax evaders
12. Which will Mexico’s IRS target for tax collection?
    1. Middle class taxpayers and multi-family households
    2. Government employees and large bureaucracies
    3. Transnational corporations, multinationals, and informal businesses
    4. Street vendors and imported goods
13. When is treasury expected to act?
    1. Next year
    2. Immediately
    3. After the next elections
    4. Upon approval by congress

**Transcript**

La caída en la plataforma de producción petrolera y la disminución de los precios del crudo representan un riesgo para los ingresos de las finanzas públicas, situación que obligará al fisco a compensarlos; pero como existe el compromiso gubernamental de no aumentar impuestos en lo que resta de la administración, las opciones para resarcir los recursos que no entrarán se reducen mucho.

Esto obligará al fisco a no sólo ser más eficiente y efectivo para la captación de recursos, sino a ser más agresivo sobre los contribuyentes que han evadido el pago de impuestos indebidamente. Analistas prevén que sean los grandes contribuyentes, transnacionales, multinacionales y los informales los principales objetivos recaudatorios del Servicio de Administración Tributaria (SAT) el próximo año, aseguraron fiscalistas.

**Vocabulary**

Fisco treasury, IRS

resta remains

resarcir to compensate, to indemnify

captación collection, capture

contribuyentes contributors

evadir to evade

indebidamente unduly, improperly

informal informal (economy)

recaudatorios tax collection

Servicio de Administración Tributaria (SAT) Tax Administration Service (SAT)

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