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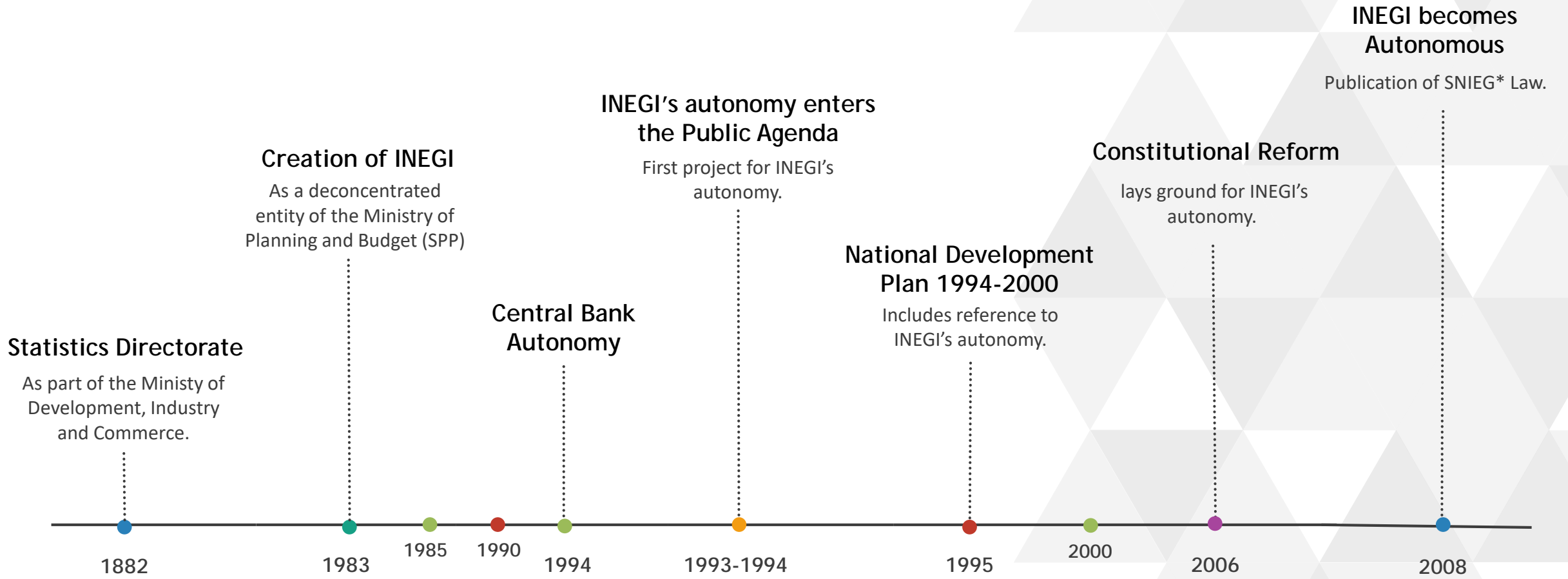
Mexico' Statistical Autonomy: INEGI's story

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A long story short



Autonomy: What it entails? (1)

Article 26.- “The State will have a **National System of Statistical and Geographic Information (SNIEG)** whose data will be considered official. [...]”

- The SNIEG will be ruled and coordinated by an **autonomous agency: INEGI**
 - *Technical Autonomy*
 - *Managerial Autonomy*
 - *Legal personality*
 - *Own patrimony (resources)*

- Use of information produced by the System is obligatory for all authorities.

- A Board of Governors (composed of 5 members) will direct the work of INEGI:
 - *Proposed by the President of the country and ratified by the Senate; Have to fulfil certain requirements*
 - *Tenure: President 6 years; Vicepresidents 8 years (Max. 2 periods);*
 - *Staggered renewal of members; Board of Governors decides by majority causes for dismissal.*

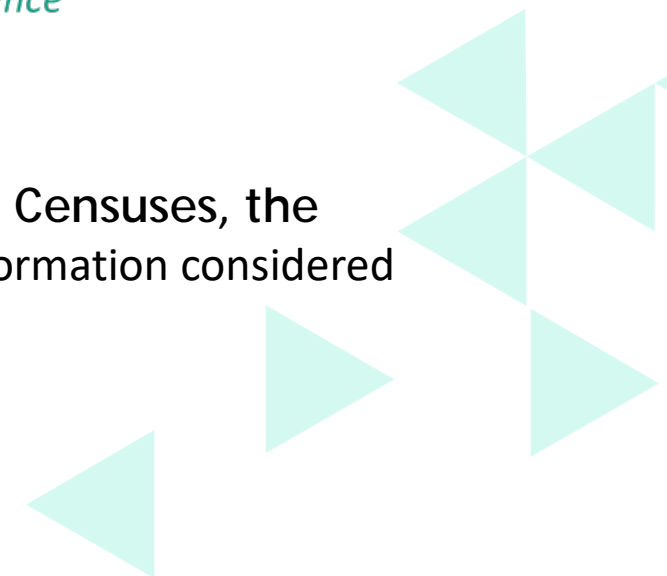
Autonomy: What it entails? (2)

Article 26.- “The State will have a **National System of Statistical and Geographic Information (SNIEG)** whose data will be considered official. [...]”

➤ **SNIEG Law** – Basis for the organization and operation of the SNIEG according to the principles of:

- *Access to information*
- *Transparency*
- *Impartiality*
- *Independence*

➤ The federal Budget should include enough funds to conduct the National Censuses, the National Accounts and the National Price Indexes (arguably applies to all information considered of national interest to produce). [Art. 83; SNIEG Law]



Features in the path towards autonomy:

- Part of the democratization of the country;
- Political awareness of the relevance of statistics for public policies;
- Long process opposed and advanced by different political actors;
- Institutional development: Decentralization, Censuses, Land Reform;
- Gradual social legitimacy of INEGI;
- Crisis management: International aspects.

Ever-present risks:

- Information contradicting government claims;
- Other actors producing information;
- Budget reductions;
- Political nominations;
- Changes to the law.



Prevention:

Permanent defense of Independence through quality information, communication and coordination with government agencies, as well as provision of inputs for public policies.

Awareness of risks.

International Communication.

Meanwhile in a Mexican newspaper ...

Sir, based on what INEGI published, kidnappings and criminality have risen exponentially. Its numbers are very different to those we use in our publicity spots...



No option then, we will have to resort to more drastic measures ...
Kidnap INEGI!!

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