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JORGE VARGAS TO HEAD USD'S MEXICO-U.S. LAW INSTITUTE

Jorge A. Vargas, noted international authority on the law of the sea, has been named director of the Mexico-U.S. Law Institute, University of San Diego School of Law, effective August 1. Vargas describes the Institute as "the only institute in the country devoted to the analysis of legal issues between the two nations."

Sheldon Krantz, law school dean, in making the announcement, said that Vargas will also serve on the USD faculty as professor of law. "Dr. Vargas' achievements and knowledge are truly impressive," Krantz said. "We are convinced he will do an exciting job of building the Institute."

Presently visiting research fellow with the UCSD Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, Vargas has served as director of the International Relations Area at the Center for Economic and Social Studies of the Third World, where he was also head of the Law of the Sea Department from 1978 to 1982; as deputy director of the Office of International Fisheries Affairs, Mexico City; legal advisor to the chairman, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, UNESCO; and as a member of the Mexican delegation to the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea. He is currently coordinating a model program for training human resources in the utilization of marine resources, an OAS-UNESCO

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program to be launched in Mexico in mid-May and later to be offered in Africa and Asia.

Vargas is the author of eight books and numerous articles on international law, diplomacy, science and technology, and marine affairs. He holds degrees from the National Autonomous University of Mexico and from Yale School of Law, and was an Adlai E. Stevenson Fellow with the U.N. Institute for Training and Research and a postdoctoral fellow with the Ocean Studies Program, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

The Mexico-U.S. Law Institute was established last fall by the USD School of Law to expand knowledge of the legal systems in the two countries, to undertake research and development projects emphasizing the reduction of unnecessary legal barriers to cooperation, to stimulate exchange of faculty and students, to increase the number of Mexican-American law students attending USD, and to focus national attention on important legal issues affecting the two countries. Activities of the Institute in the past several months have included training and legal education programs for lawyers, academicians, students, and corporate executives, with prominent Mexican attorneys and professors of law serving as faculty.

Vargas' plans also include: a comprehensive publications program; the development of a complete legal library, with a data bank on Mexican law, to be housed at the USD Law Library; and clinical activities, including clerkships in Mexico for USD students.

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