

**Economic Freedom Report Latin America 2009-2010 released in Mexico**

Mexico City - The first *Economic Freedom of Latin America: 2009/10 Report and Index* has been released in Mexico City by RELIAL (Red Liberal de América Latina), a Latin American network of 50 pro-market organizations, the Fraser-Institute, Canada, and the Latin America Regional Office of the Friedrich-Naumann-Foundation for Liberty in Mexico.

The Latin American report is based on data from the *Economic Freedom of the World: 2009 Annual Report*, produced by the Fraser Institute in conjunction with free market institutes in 75 nations and territories.

Economists from seven Latin American economic research institutes, which are members of the *Economic Freedom of the World Network* and of RELIAL, analyzed the data and commented on the ranking of Latin American countries. These chapters also present proposals for reforms leading to a more liberal economic policy in Latin America.

In addition, the report contains contributions from Michael Walker, Fraser Institute Senior Fellow, James Gwartney and Robert Lawson, co-authors of the world report, and Fred McMahon, Fraser Institute vice president for international research.

Hugo Maul, Director of the Economic Analysis Department of the *Centro de Investigaciones Económicas Nacionales* in Guatemala, summarized the results of the report and coordinated the analysis.

The contributors to and editors of the report believe the data and analysis will contribute to an objective discourse in Latin America on policy options to boost development and improve the quality of life of the people of Latin America. It presents proposals for a liberal economic policy, based on solid data on economic freedom.

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