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THE UNDERLYING ISSUE IN CHIAPAS IS THAT THE REGION HAS BEEN SO ISOLATED FOR SO LONG, THAT THEY DO NOT FEEL LIKE A PART OF MEXICO.

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FUNDAMENTAL SOLUTION WAS "COMMUNICATION" BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO AND THE PEOPLES OF THE REGION. IN THIS REGARD, CHALLENGE OF EFFECTING THIS COMMUNICATION IS BROAD, INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE SUCH AS ROADS, TELECOMMUNICATIONS, ETC., SO THE REGION COULD BE LINKED WITH THE REST OF THE COUNTRY. (C/REL UK, CAN, AUS) PROJECT OF THIS MAGNITUDE WOULD TAKE A LONG TIME, OPTIMISM IS BASED ON A VERY SIMILAR SITUATION WITH UNREST IN GUERRERO MORE THAN TWO DECADES AGO. THERE WAS A TIME DURING THE EARLY 1970'S WHEN THE COASTAL MOUTAINOUS REGION OF THAT STATE NORTH OF ACAPULCO WAS A NO-MAN'S LAND, AND AS DANGEROUS, IF NOT MORE SO, THAN THE CENTRAL CONFLICT AREA IN CHIAPAS. THAT REGION TOO HAD BEEN ISOLATED FROM THE REST OF THE COUNTRY AND A FEUDAL SYSTEM EXISTED, WITH SEVERAL REGIONAL WARLORDS. MEXICAN GOVERNMENT'S WILLINGNESS TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE REGION AND MAKE THEM FEEL LIKE PART OF THE COUNTRY RESOLVED THESE PROBLEMS; AND TODAY, THE REGION IS FULLY INTEGRATED INTO THE COUNTRY. CHALLENGES REMAIN I N THE ISOLATED INLAND MOUNTAIN AREAS OF GUERRERO WHERE SOME UNREST STILL EXISTS.

THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE HAVE NO FUNDAMENTAL ALLEGIANCE TO THE EZLN CAUSE, BUT ARE USING THE ZAPATISTA'S NOTORIETY TO HIGHLIGHT THEIR PLIGHT.

MOST OF THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE ARE NOT HARD-CORE GUERRILLAS, AND AS THEY ARE MADE TO FEEL LIKE THEY BELONG TO THE REST OF MEXICO, THE PROBLEM WILL SLOWLY BE RESOLVED.

COMMENTS: 1. (C/REL UK, CAN, AUS)

THE SITUATION IN GUERRERO WAS RESOLVED IN ANYTHING BUT PEACEFUL FASHION. IT WAS NOT THE GOVERNMENT'S WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE AND "COMMUNICATE" WITH THE MOVEMENT IN GUERRERO IN THOSE DAYS; RATHER IT WAS A HARSH MILITARY CAMPAIGN CONDUCTED BY THE MEXICAN MILITARY WHICH REINTEGRATED THE REGION. SOME BELIEVE THAT THE ONLY THING HOLDING THE LID ON GUERRERO IS THE MEMORY OF THE MEXICAN ARMY'S BLOODY, ALBEIT SMALL, COUNTER-GUERRILLA CAMPAIGN CONDUCTED IN THE REGION.

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