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On April 21 in Caracas, Abel Matutes, European Economic Community's commissioner for Latin America, told reporters that the EEC will maintain distance with Peru and continue supporting economic reforms and representative democracy in Latin America. Programs already underway in Peru, he said, are to be maintained, particularly humanitarian aid, but new aid projects will not be undertaken until democratic institutions are restored. Several Community member-nation governments have publicly condemned President Alberto Fujimori's decisions, announced April 5, to dismantle the congress and suspend the nation's constitution. Matutes said EEC aid to Latin America will increase by 80% in the 1992-96 period to support economic integration and growth. At present, Community aid totals about US$500 million per year. (Basic data from Agence France-Presse, 04/21/92)

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