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On May 7, government officials told reporters that federal government ministries will be reduced from 27 to nine. The national congress must approve revision of the "Central Administration Law" before such reduction can be implemented. Current ministry titles follow: interior, foreign relations, finance, defense, justice, industry and trade development, energy and mines, education, health, agriculture, labor, transportation and communications, urban development, planning, environment, culture, information, investment, state reform, parliamentary relations, women, science and technology, anti-drug, family, tourism, Guyana Corporation, and presidency. After mergers and reorganizing, the nine ministries would be interior, foreign relations, defense, economic development, social development, presidency, education, environment, and infrastructure. (Source: Agence France-Presse, 05/07/92)

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