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Reporters accompanying the Argentine delegation in Spain headed by President Raul Alfonsin said Oct. 12 that a major topic on the agenda for discussions between officials of the two countries are the negative effects of Spanish commitments to the European Economic Community (EEC) on Argentine trade. The entry of Madrid into the EEC is expected to reduce Spanish imports from Argentina by half. Of the $300 million in trade between the two countries in 1985, Argentine exports accounted for $200 million. In this regard, Cuban news agency PRENSA LATINA reported that Alfonsin and Spanish President Felipe Gonzalez will establish guidelines for a March 1987 meeting of foreign ministers from Spain, Portugal and Latin American nations. This meeting to take place in Buenos Aires will focus on mechanisms through which the Iberian nations could effectively represent Latin American needs and interests within the EEC.

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