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On Aug. 14, the Brazilian government announced plans to send troops to Suriname to supervise rebel disarmament and demobilization. The decision is based on an Organization of American States-(OAS) sponsored agreement to facilitate implementation of peace accords signed Aug. 8 between rebels and the government of Suriname. The accord, which includes an amnesty for all crimes related to the rebel campaign committed since 1985, was signed by President Venetinaan and leaders from all five of the country's rebel organizations. Under terms of the accord, rebel demobilization is scheduled to commence Aug. 17. Three Brazilian and three Guyanese military officers will participates in verification of the guerrillas' surrender of arms to an OAS mission headed by Brazilian national Edgardo Costa Reis. The country's two main rebel groups began armed struggle during the 1980s. The Jungle Commandos, comprised of the descendants of runaway slaves, began guerrilla activity in 1986 rebelling against years of neglect by central governments. The Amazonas, primarily comprised of members of an indigenous community, took up arms in July 1989 in response to the terms of a peace accord reached between the Jungle Commandos and the government. The Amazonas felt that a stipulation in that accord calling for the Commandos to be enlisted in the Rural Police endangered their community. (Sources: Chinese news service Xinhua, Inter Press Service, 08/14/92)