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Director of the Colombian Coffeegrower Federation, Jorge Cardenas, announced Nov. 24 the suspension of Colombian coffee sales in the world market for the remainder of 1986. The announcement occurred at the National Coffeegrowers Congress in Bogota. The Federation director said the suspension was motivated by the fact that Colombian export quotas for 1986 have been met. For the first time in history, Colombian quotas exceeded Brazilian quotas. Brazil is the world's largest coffee producer. International Coffee Organization (ICO) statistics indicate Colombian exports totaled 10.8 million bags from November 1985 to the present, compared to Brazil's 10.319 million bags. In a speech before the Congress, President Virgilio Barco warned coffee exporting nations to prepare for the return to previous quota allocations. He pointed out that Brazilian coffee output recovery is imminent.

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