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## **Panamanian O.a.s. Minister-counselor Resigns**

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On Feb. 12, Lawrence Chewning Fabrega, Panama's minister-counselor to the Organization of American States (OAS) resigned, stating that he could no longer work in good conscience for a government "characterized by corruption, illegitimacy and dishonesty." Chewning said he made his decision after he was ordered to give a speech on Feb. 9 at an OAS ceremony which was highly critical of the US. The diplomat's resignation reportedly surprised colleagues. (Basic data from New York Times, 02/13/88)

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