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On Oct. 31, the Foreign Relations Secretariat (SRE) said Mexico was opposed to a US plan seeking an international ban on the use of steel-based nets to catch tuna. Under the proposal, designed to protect dolphins, the ban would be enacted in March of 1994. The measure seeks a US embargo of 40% on fisheries of non-complying countries. According to the SRE, the ban on steel nets would virtually destroy Mexico's tuna fishing industry. However, the Secretariat reaffirmed Mexico's commitment to follow international laws designed to protect dolphins. (Source: Spanish news agency EFE, 10/31/92)