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On Feb. 8, President Virgilio Barco named five new ministers to fill posts left vacant by cabinet officials who resigned to seek elected office. The replacements were ministries of the interior, labor, public works, communications and health. The Colombian constitution requires that government officials planning to run for elected office resign at least one year before scheduled elections. Elections for legislative, provincial and municipal positions are scheduled for March 1990. The reshuffle was the sixth for the 13-member cabinet since Barco took power in August 1986. (Basic data from AFP, 02/08/89)

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