

Honduran President On Contra Demobilization Plans

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At a March 24 press conference in Tula, Honduras, President Jose Azcona Hoyo said that Central American foreign ministers are scheduled to meet March 27-28 to discuss plans for demobilizing the contra forces. He denied that the US was seeking to maintain the contras in Honduras until February 1990. According to Azcona, a tentative date, May 13-14, has been set for the next Central American summit, to take place in Tula, a resort city located north of Tegucigalpa. The five presidents, he said, will discuss the plans prepared by the foreign ministers. Azcona added that his government will present its own plan for dismantlement of the contra forces at the next summit. On March 27 in Tegucigalpa, President Azcona reiterated that his government is preparing a plan for disbanding the contras which includes "political and social measures." He provided no details. Azcona asserted that US humanitarian aid for the contras "is necessary for the security of Honduras." (Basic data from Xinhua, 03/24/89, 03/27/89; Notimex, 03/27/89)

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