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On March 29, four Nicaraguan opposition parties announced that had agreed on a proposal for electoral procedure reforms. A document containing the proposal and addressed to President Daniel Ortega was signed by leaders of the Social Democrat, Conservative, Christian Social and Independent Liberal Parties. Some of the electoral reforms under discussion, and reportedly accepted by all opposition parties, include: right to vote for all Nicaraguans living outside the country; distribution of identification and voter registration cards to all Nicaraguans; use of indelible ink on ballots; Nicaraguans engaged in active military service cannot run for political office; and, prohibition of government officials' direct involvement in organizing balloting, vote counting and related activities. (Basic data from Xinhua, 03/29/89)

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