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On June 2 in a communique, the Nicaraguan Foreign Ministry expressed its concern over the delay in the arrival of a United Nations team to verify Nicaraguan fulfillment of agreements made at the Feb. 14 regional summit in El Salvador. The ministry pointed out that the absence of UN observers would obstruct UN participation in the preparation of a report on Nicaragua's efforts. Three months ago, Nicaragua invited the secretaries general of the UN and the Organization of American States to send observers to Nicaragua to verify "the purity of the electoral process." Since then, said the communique, OAS Secretary General Joao Baena Soares responded in the affirmative, and said he was "taking all necessary measures" to send an observer team. Later, an OAS delegation arrive in Nicaragua to observe the first steps in the process leading up to the February 1990 general elections. UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar said he was "sympathetic" to Nicaragua's invitation. Recently, said the communique, UN spokespersons indicated that some members are opposed to sending an observer team to Nicaragua in order to avoid creating a precedent since the UN has never before sponsored an observer team of this nature to an independent nation. Nicaragua also invited observers from the European Parliament, and requested technical assistance from the top-level electoral councils of Venezuela, Costa Rica and Sweden "throughout the electoral process." (Basic data from Notimex, 06/02/89)

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