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At the conclusion of a meeting of the National Reconciliation Commission on June 28, Vice President Sergio Ramirez told reporters that participants had reached a "general consensus" transcending party divisions. He said members of the Commission studied a document outlining Nicaraguan compliance with regional peace accords. The vice president did not provide information on document content. The National Reconciliation Commission was established in fulfillment of a provision contained in the 1987 peace accords (Esquipulas II). The Commission is comprised of representatives for the government, opposition political parties, and the Catholic Church, and a respected independent citizen. Ramirez said the Commission would reconvene July 4 to draft a final resolution that will be presented at the next Central American summit. Commission president, Cardinal Miguel Obando y Bravo, said that while there were some points of agreement, "We have also insisted on the necessity of furthering a general amnesty to create a climate of reconciliation." (Basic data from Notimex, 06/28/89)

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