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In a statement released Aug. 11, the National Union of Salvadoran Workers (UNTS) urged the government to initiate dialogue as soon as possible with the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN). The UNTS said the talks must be carried out in El Salvador to facilitate full knowledge and participation of all social sectors. Next, the UNTS criticized an economic package announced Aug. 1 by President Alfredo Cristiani, asserting that such measures only provoke greater hunger, misery and discontent. The labor federation called on the government to terminate repression against the UNTS and other labor organizations, and to rescind the economic austerity measures. (Basic data from Xinhua, 08/12/89)

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