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On Aug. 11, at the conclusion of a five-day conference, the executive committee of the Organization of Military Men for Democracy, Integration and the Liberation of Latin American and the Caribbean approved a resolution condemning the "interference of the US government in the internal affairs of Panama," and called on Washington to cease "coercive political, economic, diplomatic, psychological and military pressures" against Panama. The organization's membership consists of retired military officers. (See CAU 08/09/89.) The resolution asserted that the Council rejected the establishment of foreign military bases in the region, "whatever their origin and motivation." Next, the resolution condemned the "excessive" presence of US military forces in Panama, and the "implication that Washington would use the sovereign territory of Panama as a base for military intervention in other Latin American countries." (Basic data from Xinhua, 08/11/89)

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