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At a press conference on Oct. 26 in Buenos Aires, Foreign Minister Domingo Cavallo said that referring to the Oct. 27-28 meeting in Costa Rica as an "American summit" was a bit exaggerated. Eighteen heads of state are scheduled to attend, including US President George Bush. According to Cavallo, "an exchange of ideas" would take place in San Jose on deforestation, development, democracy, drugs, debt, and disarmament. He added that "Argentina will not arrive with a specific proposal on any of these topics, because it is to be an informal discussion and a final declaration is not expected..." The minister pointed out that the principal aim of the meeting is to formally congratulate Costa Rica on its "democracy centennial." (Basic data from Notimex, 10/26/89)

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