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On Dec. 7, the UN General Assembly approved a $40.8 million budget for the Central America military observer mission (ONUCA) to cover the Nov. 7, 1989-May 6, 1990 period. The ONUCA is comprised of 260 military observers, and 445 administrative, logistical and medical personnel. On Thursday afternoon, the General Assembly approved a resolution sponsored by Nicaragua calling on the US to immediately terminate financing military and paramilitary activities against the government of Nicaragua in compliance with a ruling by the World Court dated June 27, 1986. The Court stated that the US had violated international law by supporting the contras. To date, the US has not participated in World Court proceedings on the issue, arguing that the Court lacks jurisdiction. The resolution was adopted by a vote of 91 to 2, with 41 abstentions. The two votes against were cast by the US and Israel. (Basic data from Notimex, Xinhua, 12/07/89)

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