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In Ica, Peru, the Group of 8 summit was closed 28 hours after it began Oct. 11, instead of lasting two days as scheduled. According to AFP, international observers said that the seven presidents renewed commitments to resolve the region's most pressing problems, but adopted few concrete steps. (See Chronicle 10/12/89 for summary of G-8 pre-summit meetings.) The presidents of Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela reaffirmed Panama's suspension from the group until a democratic government replaces the "military dictatorship" of Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega. Panama was suspended in 1988 after Gen. Noriega arranged for President Eric Arturo Delvalle to be ousted for trying to have him resign. No headway was made by the G-8 at recommending collective bargaining on the foreign debt problem. Peruvian President Alan Garcia's call for confronting international lending institutions was effectively ignored. On the drug trafficking issue, the Latin American presidents agreed to "unify policies and methods in order to strengthen our actions to confront this problem." Next, the presidents agreed to form a Latin American common market by 1992. Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez made the announcement Oct. 12 at the close of the meeting. Ministers of foreign affairs, economy, finance and planning are scheduled to meet Dec. 4-5 in Argentina to prepare a draft integration plan. (Basic data from AFP, Xinhua, 10/13/89)

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