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On Nov. 8, the US Congress approved an official end to a 12-year-old arms embargo against Argentina. The embargo was imposed in 1977, but had been inactive since 1983, when President Reagan certified to the Congress that after the election of President Raul Alfonsin, Argentina's human rights record had improved. Despite the certification, the law was not formally repealed until Wednesday during a joint Senate-House conference on the Foreign Aid Bill. Argentine Ambassador Guido DiTella described the end of the arms embargo a symbolic gesture which reaffirmed Argentina's return to democratic rule. DiTella said Buenos Aires had no plans to purchase weapons from the US due to the country's economic crisis and its "pacifist vocation." (Basic data from AFP, 11/08/89)

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