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## **U.N. Secretary General Requests Security Council Approval For Expanded Peacekeeping Force To Dismantle Contras**

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On March 16, UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar requested the Security Council for "urgent approval" to expand the size and the mission of the UN observer group in Central America (ONUCA) and to add an infantry battalion to help in the voluntary demobilization of the Nicaraguan contras. Under the proposal, 800 peacekeepers would be added to the UN force in Nicaragua to disarm contras and protect those awaiting resettlement. Perez de Cuellar estimated that the new battalion would cost \$7 million to \$9 million, excluding the cost of helicopter support. The original ONUCA mission included about 260 members to monitor the cutoff of outside aid to rebel movements and to patrol borders to prevent guerrilla incursions from other countries. On March 19, Honduran Deputy Foreign Minister Jaime Well Bogran told reporters that a Venezuelan military battalion pertaining to ONUCA could receive the contras' weapons, rather than Honduran military forces. The Venezuelan government has offered to provide the additional 800 soldiers included in Perez de Cuellar's proposal. (Basic data from Xinhua, New York Times, 03/17/90; Notimex, 03/19/90)

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