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Representatives of the National Reconciliation Commission and the Guatemalan National Revolutionary Unity (URNG) are scheduled to meet March 27-29 in Oslo, Norway to discuss the possibility of political negotiations between the rebels and the government. On March 16, CNR president Bishop Rodolfo Quezada Toruno said that the CNR will attempt to serve as "a bridge to see it is possible to arrange political negotiations within the limits of the constitution." The bishop said that in Norway the participants will try to elaborate an agenda, a site for talks and to establish "a few of the rules of the game." The Commission was established under the auspices of the Esquipulas II regional peace agreement of 1987. In that year, the first and only direct talks between rebel and government officials took place in Madrid. In late 1988, CNR representatives participated in a meeting with URNG leaders in Costa Rica. (Basic data from Notimex, 03/16/90)

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