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On March 29-30, foreign ministers of the Rio Group (Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela) convened in Mexico City to discuss several joint projects. A communique released after the meeting said that elections in Panama to legitimate President Guillermo Endara's regime are desirable to determine if the majority of Panamanians would freely elect Endara. In statements to reporters on Friday, President Endara reiterated that his government does not need new elections, and asserted that he was one of the few presidents in Latin America who was elected in a landslide, or "approximately 70%" of the popular vote. Panamanian Foreign Minister Julio Linares told Notimex that evidently the intent among Rio Group nations is not to permit the reincorporation of Panama. He added that Panama has not requested readmission, since a prior step to such action is the reestablishment of diplomatic relations with the seven nations. [On March 28, Jose Luis Fernandez Valoni, the Argentine Foreign Ministry's undersecretary of Latin American relations, said that because of questions remaining about the Panamanian people's preference for their top government officials and members of the legislature [after the US invasion], conditions for political stability are not adequate to reincorporate Panama into the Rio Group.] (Basic data from Notimex, 03/28/90, 03/30/90, 03/31/90)

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