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## **Costa Rican Policy On Resumption Of International Coffee Organization (ico) Supply Controls**

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On Aug. 13 at a coffeegrowers' conference near San Jose, Vice President Arnaldo Lopez said that he would insist on the renewal of global supply controls under the International Coffee Organization (ICO), but with adequate attention to Costa Rica's legitimate interests in quota allocation. The ICO agreement was suspended in July 1989. In an allusion to nations such as Brazil, the world's largest coffee producer, Lopez said that to the present, "the interests of those who have attempted to maintain unfair conditions" have prevailed in the world coffee market. Lopez confirmed that the government plans to provide \$20 million in concessionary loans to coffeegrowers. (Basic data from AP, 08/13/90)

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