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On Sept. 8, Foreign Minister Julio Linares told reporters in Caracas that his government is not interested in rejoining the Group of 8, also known as the Rio Group. Linares was visiting Venezuela to participate in the Latin American Economic System (SELA) ministerial meeting. Rio Group member-nations are Colombia, Mexico, Venezuela, Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay, and Peru. Representatives of the seven governments excluded Panama from direct participation following the aborted presidential elections during the regime of deposed general Manuel Antonio Noriega. (Basic data from EFE, 09/08/90)

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