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Delegates of nine political parties arrived in Washington on Oct. 2 to provide testimony to the Senate's Hemispheric Affairs committee, and to meet with State Department officials. The delegates are Francisco Guerrero (Republican Nationalist Alliance-ARENA), Gerardo Le Chevalier (Christian Democrat Party), Guillermo Guevara (Christian Authentic Movement-MAC), Mario Aguinada (Nationalist Democratic Union-UDN), Ciro Cruz (National Conciliation Party-PCN), and Jorge Villacorta (Social Christian Popular Movement-MPSC). Members of Democratic Action, the Revolutionary National Movement (MNR), and the Social Democrat Party (PSD) are participating as observers. The "Interpartidaria" was established after government and rebel representatives met in Caracas in May to organize a calendar for peace talks. On Oct. 1, the parties agreed to request that both sides support monitoring of municipal and legislative elections in March 1991 by the UN and the Organization of American States. The parties propose that monitoring teams observe the entire process, including voter registration, campaigning, casting of ballots and the vote count. (Basic data from AFP, 10/02/90)

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