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## **Socialist International Meets In New York: Statements On Guatemala & El Salvador**

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On Oct. 9, at the conclusion of a two-day meeting in New York, the Socialist International released a series of resolutions on human rights and political issues throughout the world. Summarized below are statements related to Guatemala and El Salvador. Regarding Guatemala, the SI criticized President Vinicio Cerezo for failing to adequately investigate the murders in January of Guatemalan attorney Gilda Flores and SI committee chair for Latin America and the Caribbean, Salvadoran Hector Oqueli. The two were abducted en route to the international airport in Guatemala City, and later assassinated. Mario Solorzano, leader of the Guatemalan Social Democratic Party, told EFE that the Cerezo government has demonstrated its lack of interest in finding the persons responsible for the crime. The SI demanded that Cerezo conduct a "systematic and convincing" investigation, and called on President Alfredo Cristiani to participate in the investigation since Salvadoran ultra-rightist factions are implicated. Regarding El Salvador, the SI emphasized the importance of serious negotiations between the government and the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN), in part to ensure citizens' free participation in the March 1991 elections. (Basic data from EFE, 10/10/90)

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