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On Nov. 29, Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN) national deputy and former vice president Sergio Ramirez announced that FSLN representatives would not attend a meeting of donor nations in Paris if the government to further reduce the defense budget. He said, "Those who were unable to eliminate the Sandinista army with weapons want to do away with it through the budget and we are not going to tolerate it." Ramirez is part of a delegation, headed by Presidency Minister Antonio Lacayo, scheduled to meet Dec. 3-4 with representatives of 25 donor nation governments in an effort to obtain \$350 million in economic aid. Nicaraguan Opposition Unity (UNO) coalition members headed by Vice President Virgilio Godoy are attempting to block approval of the budget in a bid to reduce military spending to \$18 million. Of the \$500 million FY1991 budget, the government proposes allocating \$78 million to defense, half the amount spent last year. FSLN legislators support this proposal. In 1990, army personnel have been cut from 80,000 to less than 30,000. Ramirez accused Godoy's faction of deliberately attempting to thwart government efforts to obtain foreign aid. Nicaragua must submit the 1991 budget at the Paris meeting to request assistance. Managua currently owes the Inter-American Development Bank, International Monetary Fund, and the World Bank a total of \$350 million. [Basic data from AFP, 11/29/90; El Diario-La Prensa (New York), 12/02/90, in 12/02/90 report by Nicaragua News Network of Greater New York]

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