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On Dec. 7, a delegation of 15 US congresspersons investigating human rights violations in Guatemala, the nation's electoral process, and US economic aid programs met with popular organization representatives who called for an end to military aid, and support for a negotiated peace with the National Guatemalan Revolutionary Unity (GAM). Present were the Mutual Support Group of relatives of the disappeared (GAM), the National Council of the Displaced, and the National Coordinator of Guatemalan Widows (CONAVIGUA). GAM president Nineth de Garcia told the congresspersons that not only the Guatemalan government but the entire international community bears responsibility for Guatemala's abysmal human rights situation. She said, "We need peace in our country, but instead we get bullets and hunger." (Basic data from Notimex, 12/07/90)

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