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On Dec. 11 at a press conference in San Salvador, Marco Tulio Lima, leader of the National Salvadoran Workers Unity (UNTS), announced the establishment of a Common Front comprised of the UNTS, the three political parties pertaining to the Democratic Convergence, and the Nationalist Democratic Union (UDN) party. The purpose of the Front, he said, is to "struggle" until peace is achieved. Lima said the alliance is not electoral in nature, although he did not dismiss the possibility of establishing a united front to deliver a "resounding defeat" to the Nationalist Republican Alliance (ARENA) in the March elections. The principal objective of the Common Front, he added, is to seek the means toward social change that would benefit the majority of Salvadorans in order to end the injustice that caused the war. Trade union leader Guillermo Rojas said that the alliance between workers and political parties is an "historic" step in the search for a negotiated peace, and the demilitarization of Salvadoran society. (Basic data from AFP, 12/11/90)

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