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## **Colombia: Strike Called By Major Labor Confederations Fails, Result Of Government Threats**

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Colombia's major labor confederations CUT, CGT, CTC and CTDC called on workers to join a 24-hour strike Nov. 13 to protest the government's "economic liberalization" and privatization policies, and to demand postponement of action by the national congress on a labor code reform bill. The government declared the strike illegal, and threatened to fire workers who participated. Apparently, the nation's economic activities were normal on Nov. 13. (See Chronicle, 11/13/90 for previous coverage.) Labor Minister Francisco Posada de la Pena said the walkout failed because the four confederations represent only 880,155 workers of 11.273 million employed Colombians. The minimum wage in Colombia is about \$74.60 per month. (Basic data from AFP, 11/17/90)

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