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Andean Pact member-nation presidents are scheduled to meet Nov. 29-30 in La Paz (Bolivia). The major agenda topic will be "adaptation" to existing and near-future common market arrangements, including Washington's proposed free-trade accords for the continent. The Andean Pact was established in May 1969 by Chile, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador and Colombia. In 1973, Venezuela joined, and in 1976 Chile dropped out. The original pact's objectives were to develop joint industrial development programs and tariff structures, as well as a single restrictive policy toward foreign investment. (Basic data from AFP, 11/23/90, 11/25/90)

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