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On Aug. 1, representatives of the Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN) and the Caribbean indigenous organization YATAMA signed an agreement to fight for implementation of existing regional autonomy legislation, among other political objectives. YATAMA leader and former contra commander Rudl Stevens Wilson ("Taphu") said the alliance was based on recognition that the FSLN "is the only party which has shown an interest in defending the rights of the coastal peoples." YATAMA and the FSLN pledged to fight for the rights of the Miskito, Sumo, Rama, Garifuna, Ladino and Mestizo communities of the Caribbean coastal region. (Basic data from ACAN-EFE, 08/01/91)

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