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## **Conference On Central American Refugees Requests Extension Of U.N. Mandate**

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Central American and Mexican delegates to the UN- administered International Conference on Central American Refugees (CIREFCA) recently held a two-day meeting in Tegucigalpa (Honduras). Noting that the number of displaced persons throughout the region continues to be rather high an estimated 100,000 , participants approved a request that the UN extend the CIREFCA mandate from May 1992 to May 1993. About 45,000 Guatemalan refugees remain in camps in southern Mexico and another 5,000 reside in Belize. Forty thousand Nicaraguans reside in Costa Rica. (Basic data from AFP, 08/14/91)

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