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In a Sept. 14 letter to President Violeta Chamorro, the Health Workers Federation (FETSALUD), the National Teachers Union (ANDEN) and the National Public Employees Union (UNE), demanded that the government authorize a 100% wage hike for respective members. According to the unions, the current minimum wage of 243 cordobas oro (\$48.60) per month for public employees was inadequate. Nicaraguan teachers earn an average of 438 cordobas (\$87.60) per month, and other professional public employees, 882 cordobas (\$176.40). The basic monthly food basket of 53 items costs 900 cordobas (\$180) per month. (Basic data from ACAN-EFE, 09/14/91)

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