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On Oct. 16, during the final plenary session of the annual International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank meetings in Bangkok (Thailand), Salvadoran Planning Minister Mirna Lievano de Marques called for a future massive international aid program for her country's post-war reconstruction. The minister said that once a definitive cease-fire is established, the government plans to launch a recovery program, including special programs for former combatants, displaced civilians, and rebuilding efforts focused on former conflict zones. According to Lievano de Marques, despite the ongoing war, the government is making progress in the area of economic and social welfare initiatives. She emphasized last year's GDP growth rate of 3.4%. (Basic data from EFE, 10/17/91)

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