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On Oct. 31, President Violeta Chamorro announced the creation of three nature reserves. Covering a total of 21,000 sq.km., the new reserves are equivalent to one-seventh of Nicaragua's total land area. The reservations include forests, volcanos and lakes in the central and northern regions of the country, and the Miskito Keys on the Atlantic coast. According to Chamorro, Nicaragua is now the leader among Central Americans in terms of the proportion of national territory set aside for environmental conservation. (Basic data from ACAN-EFE, AFP, 10/31/91)

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