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In a joint communique issued Oct. 30, Foreign Minister Mario Carias and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Sadako Ogata announced the Honduran government's pledge to sign the 1952 Geneva Convention and 1967 Protocol pertaining to refugees. During the 1980s, Honduras hosted over 1,000 Guatemalan, 50,000 Salvadoran and an equal number of Nicaraguan refugees, even though the government was not a signatory to the UN convention. At present, 1,700 Salvadoran refugees remain in Honduras, 450 of whom are scheduled to return home by year-end. (Basic data from Agence France-Presse, 10/30/91)

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