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In a Nov. 8 broadcast, Radio La Primerisima reported the establishment of a new recompa group, known as the Revolutionary Worker and Peasant Alliance (AROC). According to a statement, AROC plans to unite "all of the clandestine groups which have pledged to fight" against the recontras. AROC called on President Violeta Chamorro to stop the "recontra crime wave," and vowed to take up arms "if the former contras continue spreading terror throughout the country." On Nov. 9, the Armed National Self-Defense Movement (MADNA), a recompa umbrella group, issued a communique demanding that the government halt shipments of weapons and other materiel to recontra groups from Honduras. The Movement is comprised of a dozen recompa organizations in eight northern Nicaraguan cities. MADNA called for revision of the mandate of the Organization of American States (OAS)-sponsored International Verification and Support Commission (CIAV), charged with supervising demobilization and disarmament of the former contras. In addition, the recompa organization called for the removal of CIAV officials who have reportedly become involved in recontra activities. (Basic data from ACAN-EFE, 11/08/91; Agence France-Presse, 11/09/91)

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