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On Nov. 21-23, members of the National Peace Consolidation Commission (COPAZ) met in Mexico City. COPAZ, established in September, is charged with supervising implementation of agreements between the government and the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN). The Commission is comprised of delegates from all political parties represented in the national legislature, and two delegates each from the government and the FMLN. San Salvador Archbishop Arturo Rivera y Damas and a member of the UN observer mission (ONUSAL) also participated as observers. On Nov. 24 in Mexico City, Victor Manuel Valle, COPAZ president and National Revolutionary Movement (MNR) general secretary, told a local radio station that Commission delegates reached consensus on drafting legislative proposals to provide social security coverage to disabled war veterans and respect for human rights. He said the new legislation would be submitted to the Assembly at the time of a final peace settlement. (Basic data from Salpress, 11/20/91, 11/22/91; Agence France-Presse, ACAN-EFE, 11/24/91, 11/25/91)

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