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On Nov. 29, the Guatemalan congress approved a total US\$1.293 billion for the 1992 budget. On the same day, the congress rejected a tax reform package that would generate US\$199 million in revenue. The most controversial feature of the package was a value added tax of 7% on basic consumer goods. Spending for health, education, interior and defense was increased over 1991 levels, while the executive branch's discretionary budget was cut from US\$9.6 million in 1991 to US\$7 million for 1992. (Basic data from Agence France-Presse, 11/29/91)

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