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On Dec. 5, the Inter Press Service reported that the European Community (EC) had pledged 16 million ECUs (US\$18 million) in follow-up funding for the "Child Survival Program, 1986-1991." The infant health program, jointly financed by the EC and the Italian government, is aimed at reducing infant mortality in Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama. Next, the EC donated 13.8 million ECUs (US\$15 million) for upgrade and expansion of national and regional telecommunications infrastructure in Central America. In addition, the EC granted seven million ECUs (US\$7.7 million) to El Salvador to support the government's economic adjustment policies. The funding was earmarked for projects aimed at alleviating the negative impact of austerity measures. (Basic data from Inter Press Service, 12/05/91)

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