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On Dec. 17, Foreign Trade Minister Roberto Rojas told reporters that preliminary estimates show total 1991 export revenue at a record US$1.926 billion, up 12% over 1990. Export income has increased by 53% over the past five years, and non-traditional exports surpassed sales of traditional goods in 1991 for the third consecutive year. Rojas said coffee and bananas, the country's two major traditional export crops, together accounted for about 39% of all export income, and non-traditional products, 45% of the total. Non-traditional export products include textiles, medicine, tires, plastic and glass containers, aluminum sheeting, seafood, tropical fruit, fresh flowers, ornamental plants, seeds, and wood furniture. Next, Rojas noted that tourism accounted for a total US$308 million in foreign exchange earnings, or 16% of the total. (Basic data from ACAN-EFE, 12/17/91)

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