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On Jan. 16, the UN Security Council moved to dismantle the UN observer group in Central America (ONUCA), effective Jan. 17, and to transfer ONUCA personnel to the UN observer mission to El Salvador (ONUSAL). ONUCA was established in 1989 at the request of the five Central American presidents as a regional peacekeeping force. The ONUCA mandate included supervising disarmament of the Nicaraguan contras. At least 47 military officers working under ONUCA were reassigned to ONUSAL. [Basic data from Spanish news service EFE, 01/15/92; Prensa Latina (Cuba), Notimex, 01/16/92; ACAN-EFE, 01/20/91]

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