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On March 9, Mario Aguero, deputy economy minister for foreign trade, told reporters that the government hopes to compensate for declining coffee export income with a 25% increase in banana sales. Banana exports this year, he said, are projected at 45 million 18-kg. boxes. At US \$0.50 per box, the government expects to receive US\$22.5 million in tax revenue from banana exports in 1992. Revenue from this source last year totaled US\$17.5 million. (Basic data from Agencia Centroamericana de Noticias-Spanish news service EFE, 03/09/92)

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