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On March 5 in Tokyo, Salvadoran Planning Minister Mirna Lievano told reporters that the Japanese government pledged about US\$5 million worth of supplemental emergency aid by the end of the month. Next, Lievano said Tokyo plans to reopen its embassy in San Salvador in May. The embassy was shut down in 1980. The emergency aid consists of US\$3.8 million in guaranteed aid for economic reconstruction, and US\$770,000 for refugee assistance. In a communique, the Japanese Foreign Ministry said government loans to El Salvador will be resumed in the next fiscal year, which begins in April. Tokyo suspended loans to El Salvador in 1974. (Basic data from Agence France-Presse, Spanish news service EFE, 03/05/92)

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