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On Feb. 11, the Andean Commission of Jurists submitted a report to the UN Human Rights Commission in Geneva condemning the practice of forced disappearance in Colombia and Peru. According to Commission deputy director Francisco Eguiguren, both governments "tolerate" forced disappearances by members of the security forces as part of respective counterinsurgency strategies. According to the UN task force on disappearances, in Peru 117 were reported last year year, and 231 in 1990. The Andean Commission also condemned the violence perpetrated by Peruvian and Colombian guerrilla organizations and rightist death squads or paramilitary groups. (Source: Spanish news service EFE, 02/11/92)

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