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On March 9, Foreign Minister Carlos Iturralde told reporters that federal budget cutbacks have forced the ministry to close several embassies and consulates, and dismiss about 50 employees. The ministry's 1992 budget was reduced by 30% compared to last year. The Bolivian government has already closed down a consulate in Hong Kong, and offices in Montevideo (Uruguay) at Latin American Integration Association (ALADI) headquarters. (Basic data from Agence France-Press, 03/12/92)

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