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## **Colombia-venezuela: Update On Gulf Of Venezuela Territorial Rights Conflict**

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On March 24, Colombian Foreign Minister Noemi Sanin de Rubio told reporters that "Colombia is not looking for [additional] rights in the Gulf of Venezuela, but rather a clear delimitation of rights." She reiterated that Colombia's rights in the gulf are "undeniable and unchangeable." [For previous coverage of the territorial rights conflict, see NotiSur 03/26/92.] In statements to reporters on April 3, Sanin said her government wishes to continue negotiations with Caracas as long as Venezuelan officials are willing. The minister was responding to a call by some Venezuelan politicians to temporarily suspend bilateral talks on the problem. She said a suspension would be more complicated than continuing the negotiations. According to Sanin, in the event of a suspension, agreement on basic issues such as fishing rights would have to be worked out for the interim period. (Source: Agence France-Presse, 03/24/92, 04/03/92)

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