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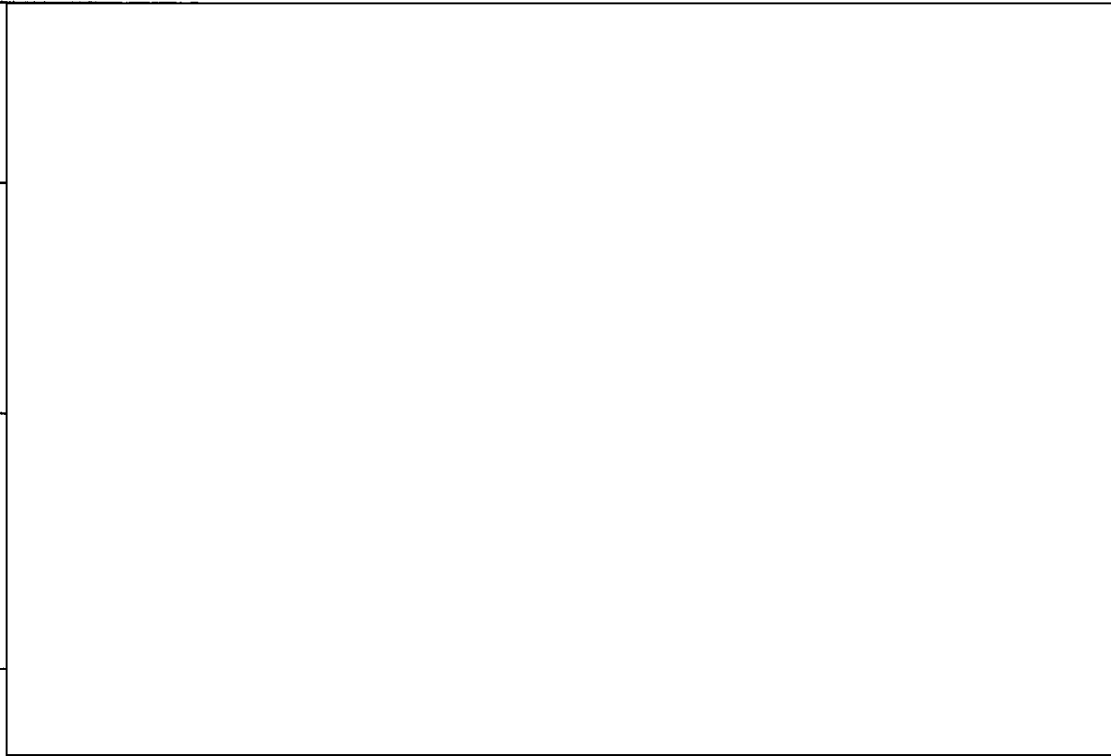
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Colombia: San Andres Island Ripe for Expanded Drug Activity



San Andres Island has the potential to play a more vital role in the Caribbean drug trade. The island's location and the increasing amount of maritime container cargo flowing through the port make San Andres an attractive alternative to traditional staging areas.



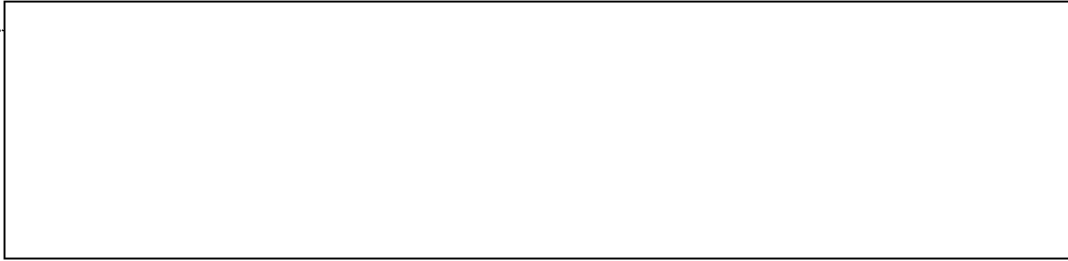
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Worldwide Narcotics Highlights



A summary of key developments from 1 December 1985 to 1 February 1986.

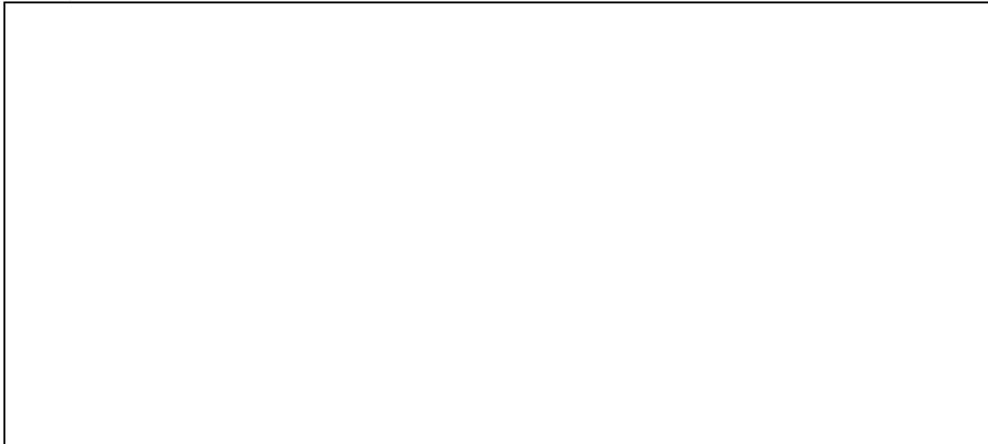


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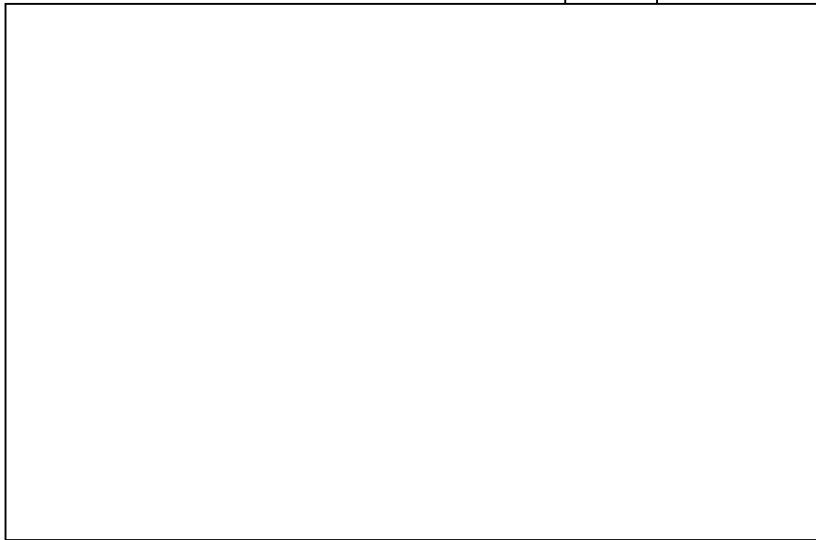
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Mexico

The recent decline in oil prices will almost certainly have an adverse impact upon narcotics control in Mexico. The annual revenue loss caused by lower prices may be as much as \$3.3 billion by some estimates. The chances for a needed increase in funding for antidrug programs are remote, and, in a worst case scenario, a cutback is possible. At the same time, anticipated cuts in social programs and a further erosion of employment opportunities in legitimate sectors of the economy are certain to preclude a shift by members of the drug industry into licit activities. Moreover, a greater number of subsistence farmers and other marginal elements of the economy will be attracted to the more lucrative drug trade, thus providing a plentiful supply of cheap labor for traffickers and growers.





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