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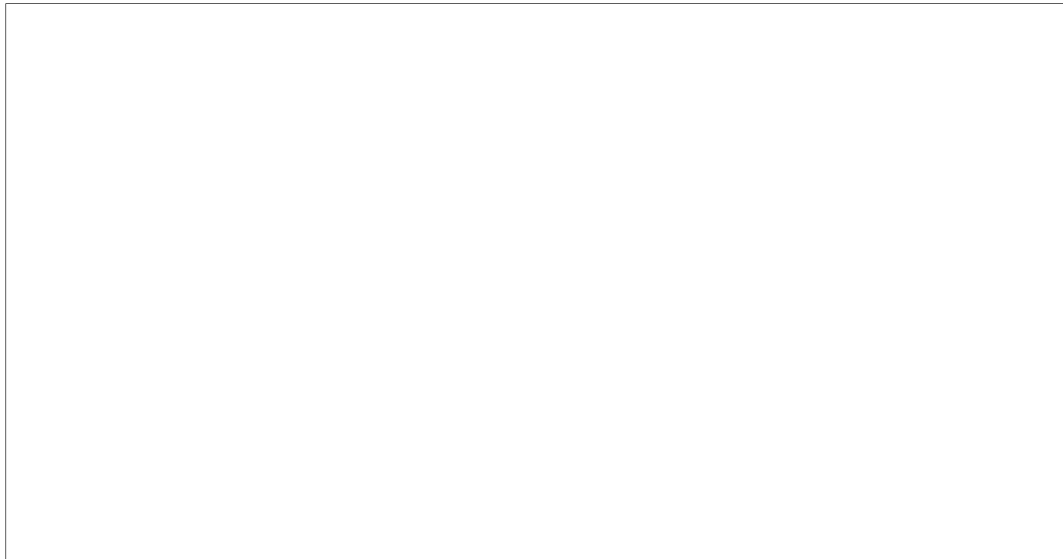
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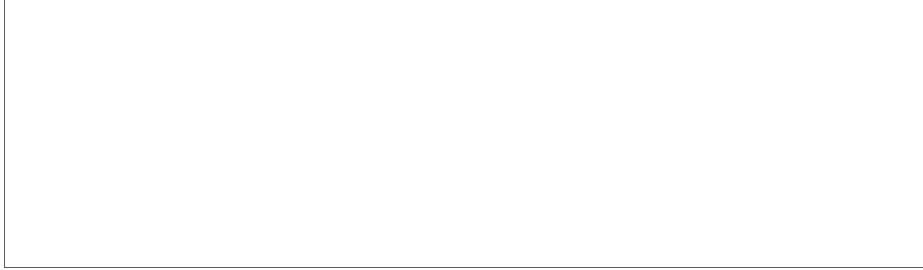
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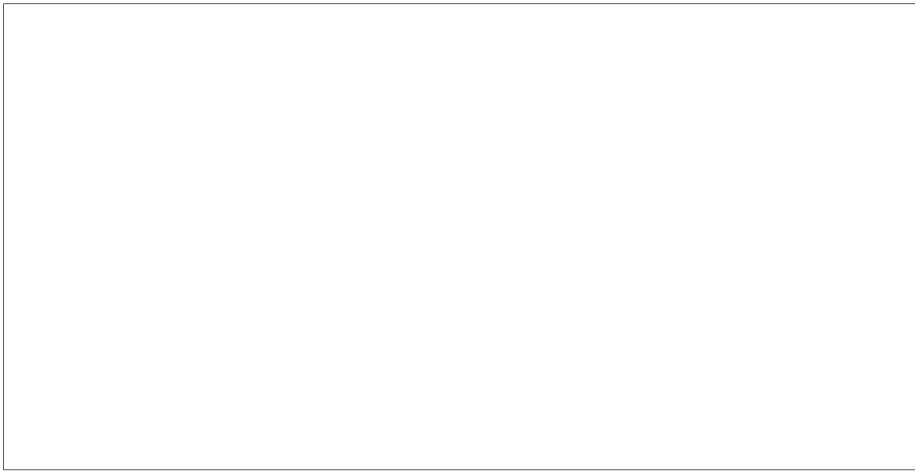
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MEXICO - EL SALVADOR: New Initiative at UN

Mexico is convinced that, without leftist participation, the elections scheduled for March in El Salvador will fail to end the violence, and it is using the UN to try to bring international pressure to bear on the Salvadoran Government. Following the collapse of its efforts to persuade the junta to talk with the rebels, Mexico--backed by eight predominantly European countries--is sponsoring a UN resolution that condemns the Salvadoran Government's human rights record and calls for a negotiated political solution. If passed, the resolution would seriously erode the junta's international image and undercut its attempts to establish the legitimacy of the elections. [Redacted]

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The reaction in Latin America earlier this fall to the joint declaration on El Salvador by Mexico and France suggests that the UN resolution will have limited appeal there. Mexico, however, is counting on support from Western Europe, the Soviet bloc, and Third World states in the vote expected early next week. [Redacted]

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