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## **Organization Of American States Charter Amended**

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On Dec. 11, an amendment to the Organization of American States (OAS) charter went into effect, permitting former British colonies Guyana and Belize to become OAS members. The Malvinas/ Falkland Islands are prohibited from joining the organization. In principle, Guyana and Belize could become formal members of the OAS by year-end. The Guyanese government has previously indicated its intent to petition for membership after the expiration of the old charter at midnight Dec. 10. Argentina opposes admission of the archipelago, over which it went to war with Britain in spring 1982. (Basic data from Notimex, 12/10/90)

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