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three equal horizontal bands of blue (top), white, and blue with the national coat of arms centered in the white band; the coat of arms features a triangle encircled by the words **REPUBLICA DE NICARAGUA** on the top and **AMERICA CENTRAL** on the bottom; the banner is based on the former blue-white-blue flag of the Federal Republic of Central America; the blue bands symbolize the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean Sea, while the white band represents the land between the two bodies of water

note: similar to the flag of El Salvador, which features a round emblem encircled by the words **REPUBLICA DE EL SALVADOR EN LA AMERICA CENTRAL** centered in the white band; also similar to the flag of Honduras, which has five blue stars arranged in an X pattern centered in the white band