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LETTER DATED 25 MAY 1965 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVES OF ARGENTINA, BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, HAITI, HONDURAS, NICARAGUA, PANAMA, PARAGUAY AND PERU ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

We the undersigned, as representatives of States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Organization of American States, acting on the instructions of our respective Governments and concerned that our regional agency should fulfil the purposes assigned to it by its Charter and by the Charter of the United Nations; and, at the same time, seeking to reaffirm the significance of OAS as an instrument for the preservation of peace and security on the American continent, venture to place before the Security Council, with respect, the following considerations:

First: The Organization of American States, in its capacity as a regional agency, should continue to exercise the responsibility for the maintenance of peace and security in the hemisphere which is conferred on it by the Charter of OAS and recognized by the Charter of the United Nations.

Second: In accordance with Article 52, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations, which Member States are bound to uphold, every effort should be made to encourage action by regional agencies for the pacific settlement of local disputes.

Third: The foregoing does not preclude co-ordination of the action of the United Nations and of OAS for the maintenance of peace and security as an appropriate procedure for the fulfilment of the high purposes of the Charter of the United Nations and of the Charter of the Organization of American States.

Accept, Sir, etc.

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