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Letter dated 14 June 1989 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of El Salvador to the United
Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of El Salvador, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the press release issued by that Ministry concerning the developments in the People's Republic of China, which reads as follows:

"Press release

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of El Salvador, concerned at the deplorable events which have taken place in the People's Republic of China, wishes to inform national and international public opinion that it:

- (a) Strongly condemns the bloody general repression carried out by the Beijing régime against the pro-democracy movement meeting in Tiananmen Square;
- (b) Deplores the decision of the Chinese Government to use public force to crush the democratic hopes and aspirations of the Chinese people;
- (c) Expresses its deep indignation at these repugnant acts, which constitute a flagrant and open violation of the inherent fundamental rights and freedoms of every human being, particularly the right to life;

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(d) Expresses its profound concern at these developments, which indicate that the prospect as regards the internal situation in China is not encouraging and may have serious consequences for international peace and security;

(e) Urges the Beijing Government to adopt the necessary corrective measures leading to social stability and a return to the political and economic reforms that gave rise to the civil discontent;

(f) Expresses its moral support for the pro-democracy movement and its deepest posthumous gratitude to the hundreds of people who died for a China where freedom and democracy prevail;

(g) Urges the freedom-loving peoples of the world to remain alert and vigilant as regards developments in China and to join forces to prevent any recurrence of events such as those we have deplored.

San Salvador, 5 June 1989"

I should be very grateful if you would arrange for the text of this letter to be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 12 of the preliminary list.

(Signed) Guillermo MELENDEZ
Chargé d'affaires a.i.
