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REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF A SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM IN THE AGENDA
OF THE FORTY-FIFTH SESSION

TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY FOR PEACE

Letter dated 18 August 1990 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of
the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to request, in conformity with rule 14 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the inclusion in the agenda for the forty-fifth session of the General Assembly of a supplementary item entitled "Tenth anniversary of the University for Peace".

The explanatory memorandum (see annex) included with this letter pursuant to rule 20 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly indicates the reasons why the Government of Costa Rica deems it important to include this item, which it requests be allocated to the plenary.

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ANNEX

Explanatory memorandum

In 1989, the General Assembly adopted resolution 35/55, by which it established the University for Peace and provided that this international institution would through its academic work help to advance the efforts and aspirations of the world's peoples and Government in the search for **non-violent** alternatives in order to attain a better quality of life and sustainable development.

Ten years after **its creation**, in an ever more rapidly changing world, the University has become a presence in Central America and in other latitudes. The broadcasts of International Peace Radio and the productions of the Gandhi Television Centre demonstrate this. The institution has a regional centre in Yugoslavia. It is also taking steps to establish a Conflict Resolution Centre in Colombia.

The campus was the scene of the meeting and dialogue among the members of the National Reconciliation Committees of Central America, who in September 1989 called for a strengthening of actions in support of the peace process initiated by the Central American Presidents at the Esquipulas I and II **summit meetings**, as reiterated by the summit meetings held at San Isidro, Costa Rica, Costa **del Sol**, El Salvador, Antigua, Guatemala, **Tela**, Honduras and Montelimar, Nicaragua.

In the area of communication, the master's degree course has brought together students from different parts of **the** world. In the field of education, the primary focus is the establishment and development of a teaching programme at the master's level **in** "Education for Peace", aimed initially at the Central America and Panama region.

With respect to human rights and peace, a master's programme has been organised to train specialists drawn from various disciplines and professional activities whose task will be to promote, through scientific research, systematic knowledge of the rights in question and their broad dissemination and assimilation as essential educational values, the protection and safeguarding of human rights on the basis of a realistic approach to the situation in today's world.

The University for Peace begins this new decade, rising to the new challenges that are emerging as the twenty-first century approaches, guided by the words of article 2 of its Charter, "with a clear determination to provide humanity with an international institution of higher education for peace and with the aim of promoting among all human beings the spirit of understanding, tolerance and peaceful coexistence, to stimulate co-operation among peoples and to help lessen obstacles and threats to world peace and progress, in keeping with the noble aspirations proclaimed in the Charter of the United Nations'".
