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Letter dated 4 November 1985 from the Permanent Representative of Nicaragua to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the protest note from His Excellency Miquel D'Escoto Brockmann, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaraqua, addressed to His Excellency Carlos José Gutiérrez, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship of Costa Rica (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this note circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 21, and of the Security Council.

(<u>Signed</u>) Javier CHAMORRO MORA

Ambassador

Permanent Representative of Nicaraqua
to the United Nations

ANNEX

Protest note dated 1 November 1985 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua addressed to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship of Costa Rica

I am writing to you with reference to the following serious incident:

On 30 October 1985, at 1200 hours, an attack was made on the Nicaraquan frontier post at Boca de San Carlos. This attack, which lasted 30 minutes, came from the Costa Rican frontier post located opposite the Nicaraquan sector attacked and from sectors adjacent to it, still in Costa Rican territory. The attack involved rifle fire and fire by 50-calibre machine guns, 60 mm mortars and a B-10 82 mm recoilless gun.

The same day, at 1540 hours, another attack took place from Costa Rican territory on the same Nicaraquan frontier post at Boca de San Carlos which lasted 40 minutes. In addition, 1 must inform Your Excellency that mercenary troops on vehicles have been observed moving openly through the frontier zones in Costa Rican territory.

The Government of Nicaraqua, in presenting its formal and energetic protest, wishes to bring prominently to Your Excellency's attention that it is an extremely serious matter that these attacks came from sectors in which there is a Costa Rican Guardia Civil post, despite which fact their occurrence was not avoided. In addition, I must emphasize that the weaponry employed and the duration of the attacks afford fresh evidence of the urgent need for the Costa Rican authorities to intensify their control and vigilance measures in Costa Rican territory in order to avoid the continuation in future of criminal acts of this type, which significantly impair the climate of peace that should prevail between Costa Pica and Nicaraqua and affords the best way of contributing to the negotiation process sponsored by the nations of the Contadora Group. In addition, actions such as those described testify to the need for the establishment of a neutralized security zone so as to put an end once and for all to situations of this kind.

(Signed) Miquel D'ESCOTO BROCKMANN
Minister for Foreign Affairs

