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QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS
AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS IN ANY PART OF
THE WORLD, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO
COLONIAL AND OTHER DEPENDENT COUNTRIES
AND TERRITORIES

Telegram dated 30 March 1979 addressed to the
Director of the Division of Human Rights
by the representative of Cuba on the
Commission on Human Rights

Sir,

I reproduce below the text of a telegram sent to Mr. Beaulno, Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights, with the request that it be circulated to all countries Members of the United Nations.

Since the assassination of Mr. Alberto Fuentes Mehr in January of this year in Guatemala, which was a subject of concern to the Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-fifth session, there has been another assassination on 22 March 1979 in similar circumstances, that of Mr. Manuel Colom Argueta, opposition leader and head of the party of the Frente Unido de la Revolución (United Revolutionary Front), a social democratic movement, who was a former Mayor of Guatemala City, murdered together with two companions. This act has also caused deep emotion in Guatemalan and international public opinion. For these reasons, I request you to express concern to the Government of Guatemala about this new act which is connected with that referred to in decision 12 (XXXV) and which constitutes yet another manifestation of the wave of repressive violence that is preventing the Guatemalan people from enjoying human rights and fundamental freedoms.