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Letter dated 30 May 1986 from the Chargé d'affaires of the
Permanent Mission of Honduras to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the press release concerning the meeting of plenipotentiaries of the Central American countries convened by the Contadora Group for the purpose of bringing to a conclusion the negotiations on the outstanding points relating to the Contadora Act on the basis of the two proposals.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this note and the text annexed herewith to be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 21 of the fortieth session, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hector ZELAYA COLEMANN
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Annex

PRESS RELEASE

The meeting of plenipotentiaries of the Central American countries was convened by the Contadora Group for the purpose of bringing to a conclusion the negotiations on the outstanding points relating to the Contadora Act on the basis of the two proposals, namely that submitted jointly by Costa Rica and Guatemala, endorsed by Honduras and El Salvador, and the proposal of Nicaragua.

The discussions focused on the issue of arms delimitation, reduction and control, having reached two days after intensive discussion, a serious impasse, occurring a few days before the date set for the signing of the Act.

The impasse is the result of the rather inflexible position of Nicaragua and its unwillingness to negotiate comprehensively on the issue of disarmament.

Nicaragua is restricting the negotiations to a very limited list of 10 arms which it considers offensive, of which it possesses only 3. It excludes from the negotiations all its weapons and wartime arsenals.

Nicaragua has made much of its willingness to negotiate, which has not been matched by deeds and has jeopardized the peace-keeping effort which has been carried out for more than three years.

In bringing these facts to the attention of public opinion, the Secretariat of Foreign Relations reiterates the decision which has led the Government of Honduras to undertake simultaneous and verifiable regional undertakings on all of the issues subject to negotiations, for the purpose of ensuring peace and co-operation in the Central America isthmus.

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