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Letter dated 2 June 1986 from the Acting Permanent Representative
of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

On behalf of the twelve member States of the European Community, of which the Kingdom of the Netherlands is currently the President, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a joint statement, dated 23 May 1986, on the Escupulas Summit (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this text circulated as a document of the fortieth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 21, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Jaap RAMAKER
Acting Permanent Representative
of the Netherlands

ANNEX

Joint statement by the twelve member States of the European
Community on the Esquipulas Summit

The Twelve welcome the Esquipulas Summit which confirms the wish of the Central American countries to continue their dialogue and to further their regional co-operation. They regard the Summit as an opportunity for the five countries of Central America to consider together a range of innovative ways of tackling the critical problems facing the region today.

They note the proposals under consideration to enhance economic and political co-operation among the five and reiterate their conviction that peace and stability throughout the region will be decisive in developing such co-operation.

On various occasions the Twelve have stressed the importance of the Contadora initiatives in furthering these objectives. They confirm their view that an act for peace and co-operation in Central America, representing a balanced and comprehensive settlement of the conflicts of Central America and subject to verification, would provide the framework for the consolidation of democracy and the growth of prosperity throughout the region.

The Twelve are convinced that the achievement of these objectives would play an essential part in creating the climate of co-operation necessary for an harmonious development of the countries of Central America. They recall that these objectives were central to the political dialogue begun in San José and continued in Luxembourg. Their achievement is of great importance to the progress of the co-operation between the Twelve and Central America.

The Twelve believe that the moment has now arrived to conclude the sustained efforts of all involved by reaching final agreement on the Contadora Act on Peace and Co-operation in Central America. They therefore urgently appeal to the five to conclude their negotiations, to sign an act as proposed by the Contadora Group and to ensure its full implementation.
