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Letter dated 24 October 1986 from the Permanent Representative
of El Salvador to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to refer to draft resolution A/C.3/41/L.18 entitled "Situation of human rights in El Salvador" and sponsored by Algeria, Mexico, Peru, Sweden and Yugoslavia, which was registered on 22 October 1986 for distribution as an official document to the members of the Third Committee.

In that connection, my Government wishes to state that it discovered that, originally, the draft resolution was to be submitted for distribution as an official document in a form which violated the procedural principles usually applied to the presentation of draft resolutions; that fact was known to and commented upon by a number of delegations.

Furthermore, I wish to state that the Government of El Salvador finds it strange that the above-mentioned draft resolution was submitted considerably in advance of the debate on the human rights items, especially since the report of the Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights, Professor José Antonio Pastor Ridruejo, on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in El Salvador has not yet come out, a circumstance which in our view exposes the tactic and intent of certain countries to prejudge the real situation in El Salvador.

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Consequently, I would respectfully request you to arrange to have this note distributed as an official document of the forty-first regular session of the General Assembly and circulated in the Third Committee as soon as possible.

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Permanent Representative of
El Salvador to the United Nations
