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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

Note verbale dated 16 February 1987 from the Permanent Mission
of Honduras to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed
to the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights

The Permanent Mission of Honduras to the United Nations Office at Geneva presents its compliments to the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights and has the honour to forward to him press communiqué No. 014-87 of 6 February 1987 from the Office of the Director for Information and the Press of the Secretariat for Foreign Affairs, relating to the establishment of an Interagency Commission on Human Rights, which reads as follows:

"On 29 January, on the instructions of the President of the Republic, José Azcona H., the Interagency Commission on Human Rights entered into operation, for the purpose of furnishing a proper response to reports which may be made at both the national and the international level concerning violations of human rights.

"The Commission is chaired by the Attorney-General, Rubén D. Zepeda. Reports presented at the international level on alleged human rights violations will be accepted by the Secretariat for Foreign Affairs, which will forward them to the Attorney-General, who, in addition to undertaking appropriate investigations, will bring them to the attention of the members of the Commission. On the basis of any

reports supplied by the members of the Commission, and the results of the steps taken by the Attorney-General, the Secretariat for Foreign Affairs will communicate with international organizations as appropriate concerning the reported facts. Domestically, any person who considers that his rights have been violated may present a report to the Attorney-General, upon which appropriate action will be taken immediately.

"It should be pointed out that Honduras is one of the few countries in Latin America which has voluntarily accepted the mandatory jurisdiction of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

"The Commission is composed of representatives of the Office of the Attorney-General, the Supreme Court, the armed forces, the National Congress, the Ministry of the Interior and Justice and the Secretariat for Foreign Affairs."