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Letter dated 26 November 1991 from the Permanent  
Representative of the Netherlands to the United  
Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the text, in English and French, of a statement of the European Community and its Member States on El Salvador issued on 26 November 1991 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 31.

(Signed) Robert J. VAN SCHAİK  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Statement on El Salvador issued at Brussels on  
26 November 1991 by the European Community

The European Community and its member States warmly welcome the announcement made by the Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional (FMLN) on 14 November stating that it would cease all offensive operations in El Salvador at midnight 16 November. They are also encouraged by the positive response of President Cristiani to that announcement.

However, the European Community and its member States are concerned at reports of continuing acts of violence by both sides, including actions carried out by units of the Salvadorian army, following the new situation created by the unilateral announcement by FMLN. These acts might jeopardize the negotiating process under way.

The European Community and its member States are convinced that restraint and goodwill on both sides are necessary if an end to bloodshed and the agreement on a permanent cease-fire are to be achieved. They express the strong hope that both parties will pursue their endeavours to reach an overall political solution so as to lead the negotiating process to a successful conclusion.

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