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Letter dated 27 April 1987 from the Permanent Representatives
of Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Uruguay
and Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

We have the honour to request you to arrange for the text of the communiqué issued at Buenos Aires on 13 April 1987 by the Foreign Ministers of the countries which are members of the Contadora Group and the Support Group to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 34 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council (see annex).

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ANNEX

Communiqué issued at Buenos Aires on 13 April 1987 by the Foreign
Ministers of the Contadora Group and the Support Group

The Foreign Ministers of the Contadora Group and the Support Group, meeting at Buenos Aires on 13 April 1987, state:

(1) That the Central American crisis is a conflict which has an impact on the entire region and affects the security, stability and harmonious relations of our countries and peoples;

(2) That they note with great concern the deadlock which has persisted in the negotiating process aimed at the signing of the Contadora Act on Peace and Co-operation in Central America since June 1986, when the Contadora Group handed over the draft Act. They further recall the undertaking given by the Secretaries-General of the United Nations and of the Organization of American States to assist in the operation of the machinery for verification and control provided for in the Peace Act;

(3) That their commitment to work for peace is bolstered by such developments as the forthcoming meeting of the five Central American presidents to be at Esquipulas, Guatemala, in June;

(4) That they also attach importance to the proposal put forward by President Arias, which reflects the determination to give renewed impetus to the Contadora negotiation process, as stated in the letter which the Government of Costa Rica, through its Foreign Minister, transmitted to the Contadora Group and the Support Group on 8 April of this year, which reads in part as follows:

"Costa Rica wishes on this occasion to express to the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Contadora and Support Groups, as it has already indicated on various occasions, that this proposal forms part of the overall Contadora negotiating effort, and that one of its chief objectives is precisely to create a set of conditions within a clearly defined and short period of time, so that negotiation on the Act can be resumed and brought to a successful conclusion within a framework of democracy, peace, freedom and security in each and every one of the Central American States.

"In that connection, the Government of Costa Rica wishes to state that it intends at the presidential meeting to be held at Esquipulas to promote an agreement between the five countries, together with the signing of the proposal, or as part of the proposal, on the resumption of negotiations on the Act as a logical consequence of the implementation of the Costa Rican plan.";

(5) That the Contadora and Support Groups express their willingness to co-operate actively to ensure the success of the Esquipulas meeting through a process of information and consultation, and that towards that end they have agreed to contact the Government of Guatemala with a view to studying measures which would promote that aim;

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(6) That they are convinced that all have a moral duty to help create a climate conducive to dialogue among the Central American States and that in the time remaining before the Esquipulas summit circumstances which might undermine such a climate must be avoided; and they urge the countries directly and indirectly involved in the conflict to refrain from any action or act of force or intimidation which may influence the outcome of the forthcoming Esquipulas meeting;

(7) Lastly, they agree to meet, in addition to the times connected with the initiatives described above, following the Esquipulas meeting to assess the results of that meeting and to examine the forms of co-operation which would help to implement the agreements reached at the summit meeting of Central American presidents for the resumption of negotiations on the Contadora Act.

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