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Letter dated 14 September 1987 from the Permanent Representative of
Poland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement of the Polish Government, dated 1 September 1987, on the summit of the Central American countries in Guatemala.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the text to be distributed as a document of the General Assembly under item 34 of the provisional agenda.

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ANNEX

Statement of the Polish Government, dated 1 September 1987, on
the summit of the Central American countries in Guatemala

The Presidents of Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica, Nicaragua and El Salvador, meeting at Guatemala City, signed on 7 August 1987 the document entitled "Procedure for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace in Central America".

The understandings embodied in that document constitute an essential element of bringing closer the perspective of peaceful settlement of conflicts in Central America. It signifies the beginning of a long and arduous, but in our view, irreversible process of search for solutions of conflicts in Central America by the interested countries themselves, taking account of their interests.

Only peaceful methods of solving conflicts, on the basis of strict respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, without outside interference, is capable of securing lasting peace in the Central American region.

The agreement signed in Guatemala by the Presidents of the five Central American countries has been made possible due to the intensive and strenuous efforts of the Contadora Group and the Support Group, and also due to the realistic approach of the Nicaraguan Government striving for the national reconciliation.

Following the conclusion of the agreement certain developments have already taken place which aim at further elaboration of the principles of national reconciliation in countries stricken with internal conflicts.

Also, a number of meetings of the Foreign Ministers of the Latin American countries were held with a view to instituting international instruments which would secure the success of the endeavours undertaken in that respect.

The Polish Government welcomes with satisfaction the Guatemala agreement and the beginning of the implementation of the peace process. They reflect the joint responsibility of those countries, notwithstanding their size, geographical location and social system, for peace and disarmament.

The Polish Government stands ready to support all initiatives aiming at securing durable peace in the world.
