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Letter dated 1 September 1987 from the Permanent Representative of  
Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the text of the communiqué issued in Caracas, Venezuela, on 22 August 1987 by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the countries members of the Contadora Group and of the Support Group, as well as by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, and to request that this letter and the text of the communiqué be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 34 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Andrés AGUILAR M.  
Permanent Representative  
of Venezuela

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ANNEX

Communiqué issued in Caracas on 22 August 1987 by the Ministers  
for Foreign Affairs of the countries members of the Contadora  
Group and of the Support Group, and of Costa Rica, El Salvador,  
Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua

The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Colombia, Mexico, Panama and Venezuela, comprising the Contadora Group, of Argentina, Brazil, Peru and Uruguay, comprising the Support Group, and of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, met in Caracas on 22 August 1987 together with the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States and the personal representative of the United Nations Secretary-General, for the purpose of reviewing the progress made in the efforts to achieve peace in Central America.

The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Central American countries reported on the outcome of the meeting of Central American Presidents held on 6 and 7 August in Guatemala, at which they signed a document entitled "Procedure for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace in Central America". They also reported that, in conformity with the Guatemala Procedure, they constituted themselves, during the meeting held at San Salvador on 19 and 20 August, into an Executive Commission to regulate, encourage and facilitate compliance with the Procedure.

The Foreign Ministers of the Contadora Group and the Support Group, as well as the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States and the personal representative of the United Nations Secretary-General, reiterated their deep satisfaction at the agreement reached, born of the Central American Governments' political will to settle their differences through dialogue and respect for the legitimate interests of all States.

In this context, the Foreign Ministers, the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States and the personal representative of the United Nations Secretary-General analysed the scope of the "Guatemala Procedure" in respect of those aspects requiring the participation of the Contadora Group, the Support Group and the Secretaries-General of the Organization of American States and the United Nations. At the end of the meeting, they resolved:

(a) To set up the International Verification and Follow-up Commission referred to in section 10 (a) of the "Guatemala Procedure". To that end, they signed the relevant instrument of establishment;

(b) To convene a meeting of ad hoc representatives, to take place in Managua on 17 and 18 September, for the purpose of determining the modalities for discharge of the verification and follow-up functions in respect of the commitments contained in the "Guatemala Procedure";

(c) To convene the Commission periodically, and to accept the invitation of the United Nations Secretary-General to hold in New York, in December 1987, the meeting for the purpose of analysing progress in the implementation of the agreements embodied in the "Guatemala Procedure".

The Governments members of the International Verification and Follow-up Commission, for their part, will in due course request the United Nations and the Organization of American States to make their contribution to the "Guatemala Procedure".

The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Contadora and Support Groups saw the need for the major political decisions that have been adopted to be accompanied by an improvement in economic and social conditions in the Central American countries.

Accordingly, they decided to take the immediate steps required to launch an international emergency programme of technical and economic co-operation for the five countries of the region. To this end, they will shortly initiate action for the launching of this programme, including the necessary approaches to the international community.

The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Contadora Group, the Support Group and the Central American countries, as well as the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States and the personal representative of the United Nations Secretary-General, expressed their thanks for the kindness extended to them during their stay in Venezuela, which contributed significantly to the success of the meeting.

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