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PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE SECOND HALF OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
DECADE FOR WOMEN: EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE, 1981-1985,  
DESIGNED TO IMPLEMENT THE WORLD PLAN OF ACTION:

- (b) REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL TARGETS AND STRATEGIES,  
TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE SUBTHEME "EMPLOYMENT,  
HEALTH AND EDUCATION"

Situation of women in El Salvador

Cuba, Grenada and Nicaragua: draft resolution

The World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality,  
Development and Peace,

Bearing in mind the principles embodied in the United Nations Charter  
and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Bearing in mind, in particular, Article 62, paragraph 2, of the  
United Nations Charter,

Considering that the serious violations of human rights and fundamental  
freedoms which have taken place in El Salvador as a result of attempts to curb  
popular unrest have led to the deaths of thousands of persons, including  
women and children,

Convinced that the extremely serious events taking place in that country are  
creating a climate of insecurity and that the civilian population and, in  
particular, women and children lack the most basic guarantees,

Deeply shocked by reports of the degrading and humiliating conditions to which  
women and children are being subjected and by the practice of harassing the  
families of persons who are being sought with a view to forcing the latter to  
give themselves up,

Deeply concerned about the danger faced by a large number of detainees, including women, who do not know what their fate will be,

Considering that any international assistance which encourages the arms race and involves the sending of military equipment and advisers to El Salvador aggravates the injustices and repression to which the people of that country are being subjected as they struggle to ensure respect for their most fundamental human rights,

1. Expresses deep concern about the serious situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in El Salvador;
2. Urges the Salvadorian authorities to adopt the necessary measures to guarantee full respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in that country;
3. Condemns the murder, rape and repression of women and children in El Salvador;
4. Urges the Salvadorian authorities to provide information on the situation of persons who have disappeared and, in particular, that of women detained for political reasons;
5. Requests the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session to consider violations of human rights in El Salvador and to adopt measures that will quickly lead to the reinstatement of human rights and fundamental freedoms in that country.