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TELEGRAM DATED 2 JANUARY 1979 FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL  
OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES ADDRESSED TO THE  
SECRETARY-GENERAL

In accordance with Article 54 of the Charter of the United Nations, I have the honour to transmit to you the text of resolution CP/RES.262 (362/78), adopted on 30 December last by the Permanent Council acting provisionally as an organ of consultation in accordance with operative paragraph 2 of resolution CP/RES.261 (361/78), adopted by that same body on 29 December and transmitted to you on the same date. The text is as follows:

"CP/RES.262 (362/78)

"Resolution on the situation existing between Costa Rica and Nicaragua

"The Permanent Council of the Organization of American States, acting provisionally as an organ of consultation,

"Considering:

"That at the meeting held on 28 December 1978, the Council took cognizance of the note of the Alternate Representative of Costa Rica (CP/DOC. 916/78), in which his Government, invoking article 28 of the Charter of the Organization of American States and article 6 of the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance, requested as a matter of urgency the meeting of consultation provided for in that Treaty, with a view to taking the necessary measures for the maintenance of the peace and security of the continent,

"That the Permanent Council, at the extraordinary meeting held on 29 December 1978, by resolution CP/RES.261 (361/78), resolved to convene the Organ of Consultation in accordance with the provisions of article 6 of the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance, and to constitute itself an organ of consultation and act provisionally as such in accordance with article 12 of the aforementioned Treaty,

"That the delegation of Costa Rica stated that the facts set forth before the Permanent Council were based on statements made by the President of the Republic of Nicaragua at a press conference held at Managua on 27 December 1978 which, combined with other circumstances of which the

Council is aware, imply a serious threat to the peace of the Central American region and the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Costa Rica, and

"That the Ambassador Representative of Nicaragua in turn expressed the views of his Government,

"Resolves:

"1. To reaffirm that the principle of the prohibition of the threat or use of force in international relations, embodied in article 1 of the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance, article 21 of the Charter of OAS and Article 2, paragraph 4, of the Charter of the United Nations, constitutes the fundamental basis of peaceful and harmonious coexistence among the countries of the continent, and was reaffirmed in the specific case of Costa Rica and Nicaragua by the Pact of Friendship of 21 February 1949 and the Supplementary Agreement of 9 January 1956, which established obligations of special importance to the benefit of both countries.

"2. To request the Government of the Republic of Nicaragua to refrain from any threat, act of aggression or use of armed force against the Republic of Costa Rica and to take the necessary measures to normalize commercial frontier traffic with Costa Rica and the transit of persons.

"3. To urge the interested Governments to refrain from making statements or taking action contrary to the principles set forth in paragraph 1 of this resolution or which tend to aggravate the existing state of tension.

"4. To request the Permanent Council to accelerate the constitution of the Commission of Civilian Observers established by resolution CP/RES.259 (356/78), so that the Commission may travel to the frontier between Costa Rica and Nicaragua as soon as possible."

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Secretary General

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