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TELEGRAM DATED 5 FEBRUARY 1981 FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL  
OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES ADDRESSED TO THE  
SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

In conformity with Article 54 of the Charter of the United Nations, I have the honour to transmit herewith the following resolution adopted today by the Nineteenth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs:

"CESSATION OF THE MILITARY OPERATIONS IN THE PERUVIAN-ECUADORIAN  
BORDER AREA IN THE EL CONDOR MOUNTAIN RANGE AND MAINTENANCE  
OF PEACE

"THE NINETEENTH MEETING OF CONSULTATION OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,

"HAVING SEEN:

The agenda of this Meeting entitled 'Cessation of the military operations in the Peruvian-Ecuadorian border area in the El Condor mountain range, which were the reasons for convening the Nineteenth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, and maintenance of peace';

"CONSIDERING:

That at the request of Ecuador, the Permanent Council convoked the Nineteenth Meeting of Consultation with the urgency required, in accordance with resolution AG/RES. 323 (450/81) of 29 January 1981;

The basic purpose of the Organization of American States is to strengthen the peace and security of the hemisphere;

That in that same resolution, the Permanent Council expressed 'its profound concern over the events that are disturbing the friendship and solidarity of two brother countries', and urged 'the Governments not to take any action that might aggravate the situation';

That the information from the Governments of Argentina, Brazil, Chile and the United States announcing the cease-fire achieved through their intervention with the Governments of Ecuador and Peru was confirmed to this Meeting by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the two countries, with the clarifications they felt pertinent;

"TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

The statement by the Special Delegate of Brazil 'on behalf of the Governments of Argentina, Brazil, Chile and the United States on the work they are doing with the consent of Ecuador and Peru';

"HAVING HEARD:

The statements by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Ecuador and Peru on the events that occurred in the Ecuadorian-Peruvian border area;

"REAFFIRMS:

The principles and purposes set forth in the Charter of the Organization of American States to strengthen the peace and security of the hemisphere, and the need to maintain a permanent climate of understanding and friendship among the nations of the Americas;

"STATES:

That the Organization of American States has the ineluctable obligation to ensure the preservation, maintenance and consolidation of peace in the hemisphere;

"RESOLVES:

1. To note with regret that armed confrontations have taken place between member States of the Organization, disrupting the peace and security of the hemisphere.
2. To receive with satisfaction the announcement by the two Governments of the cease-fire in the zone of the conflict, as confirmed to this Meeting by their Foreign Ministers.
3. To urge both countries to demobilize, disperse their forces and dismantle, as soon as possible, the military operations conducted as a result of the confrontations, restricting themselves to maintaining normal border-patrol troops.
4. To express its satisfaction with the solemn commitment made by both countries to this Meeting of Consultation, as a genuine representation of the peoples and Governments of the Americas, to re-establish and consolidate the peace and avoid any act that might endanger that peace, and to make every effort to overcome the present difficulties.
5. To take note that both countries have accepted the visit of a Committee composed of representatives of Argentina, Brazil, Chile and the United States, which is now in operation, to monitor observance of the cease-fire, and to create conditions of peace between them; and to express its thanks for the work done by the above-mentioned countries.

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6. To reiterate the vigilant presence of the Organization of American States for the maintenance and strengthening of peace, and to contribute to the climate of understanding between the two countries.

7. To instruct the Permanent Council to remain informed of the actions that both Governments take in compliance with the high purposes indicated herein."

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