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LETTER DATED 5 FEBRUARY 1981 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
ECUADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to address myself to you, in accordance with the United Nations Charter and further to my letter dated 1 February 1981 (S/14353), in order to bring to the attention of the Security Council the text of a resolution adopted unanimously at the Nineteenth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Organization of American States (OAS), held on 4 February 1981 at OAS headquarters, in Washington, D.C., in connexion with the conflict that has erupted between Ecuador and Peru as a result of the attacks by Peruvian armed forces in the Cordillera del Cóndor, in the south-eastern part of Ecuador.

In the aforementioned resolution (see annex), the Organization of American States received with satisfaction the announcement by the two Governments of the cease-fire, as confirmed to the Meeting of Consultation by their Foreign Ministers. The OAS resolution urges 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.

The Organization expressed its satisfaction with the solemn commitment made by Ecuador and Peru 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.

The Organization of American States also takes note that Ecuador and Peru have accepted the visit of a Committee composed of representatives of Argentina, Brazil, Chile and the United States of America, States members of OAS, which is now in operation, to monitor observance of the cease-fire and to create conditions of peace between the two countries; it also expresses its thanks for the work done by the four countries in question.

OAS also decided to reiterate the vigilant presence of the Organization for the maintenance and strengthening of peace, and to contribute to the climate of understanding between the two countries, and instructed its Permanent Council to remain informed of the actions that both Governments take in compliance with the high purposes indicated in the resolution.

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Thus, the Ecuadorian Government, fully aware that the Security Council should be kept duly informed of any action, situation or international resolution relating to its primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security, has instructed me to submit this letter and its annex, which I request you to have distributed urgently as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Miguel ALBORNOZ  
Ambassador Extraordinary and  
Plenipotentiary  
Permanent Representative of  
Ecuador to  
the United Nations

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ANNEX

ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

NINETEENTH MEETING OF CONSULTATION  
OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
4 February 1981  
Washington, D.C.

(Resolution contained in the Final Act of the  
Nineteenth Meeting of Consultation)

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"; and

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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 reestablish 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 abovementioned countries.
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.