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SECRETARY-GENERAL MEETS WITH FMLN DELEGATION

The following statement was issued today by the Spokesman for Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali:

The Secretary-General met Thursday evening with a delegation from the Frente Farabundo Marti para la Liberacion Nacional (FMLN), including Joaquín Villalobos and Salvador Samayoa, members of the Political Committee. The FMLN raised four main issues with the Secretary-General: the forthcoming change of government and the future of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador (ONUSAL); the conduct of the electoral process; reintegration programmes for ex-combatants, including transfers of land; and public order, including the phasing in of the new National Civil Police and the phasing out of the old National Police. The Secretary-General informed them that he had recently written to President Alfredo Cristiani raising a number of concerns, particularly regarding public order and reintegration of ex-combatants. The Secretary-General very much hopes that President Alfredo Cristiani will continue to exert his personal authority in the coming months before his term expires to push ahead the implementation of all remaining commitments in the peace accords. The Secretary-General reaffirmed to the FMLN delegation the high importance which he attaches to the success of the efforts under way in El Salvador under the auspices of the United Nations.

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