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LETTER DATED 9 NOVEMBER 1978 FROM THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY-GENERAL  
OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES ADDRESSED TO THE  
SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

In pursuance of Article 54 of the Charter of the United Nations, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith copies in Spanish, English and French of resolution CP/RES.255 (349/78), which was adopted by the Permanent Council on 16 October 1978 and brought to your notice by cable dated 17 October. The resolution refers to the report of the ad hoc Committee of Observers set up by the Permanent Council to ascertain the facts concerning the events which have occurred in Costa Rica and Nicaragua.

(Signed) Jorge L. ZELAYA  
Assistant Secretary-General  
Secretary of the Permanent Council

Annex

Report of the ad hoc Committee of Observers of the Permanent  
Council formed to verify the events that occurred in Costa  
Rica and Nicaragua

THE PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES,

CONSIDERING:

That the Permanent Council of the Organization, at the special meeting it held on 15 September 1978, formed an ad hoc Committee to verify the events that were brought to its attention by the Governments of Costa Rica and Nicaragua, in order to inform the Permanent Council on this matter;

The good will evidenced by the member States of the Organization, in the peaceful settlement of disputes and in the principles contained in articles 2 and 20 of the Charter, and the repeated confidence in the Permanent Council shown by the Governments of Costa Rica and Nicaragua, which invoked the provisions of article 82 of the Charter and brought to the Council's attention the events that occurred on 12 and 13 September in their border area; and

HAVING SEEN the report submitted by the ad hoc Committee to the Permanent Council at the special meeting held on Tuesday, 26 September 1978 (CP/doc.880/78), based on the conclusions reached by the ad hoc Committee; and taking into account the various statements made at the special meeting held on this date by the Permanent Council,

RESOLVES:

1. To reiterate to the Governments of Costa Rica and Nicaragua the respectful appeal made by this Council through resolution CP/RES.226 (304/77), to the effect that they continue to abide strictly by the international treaties and especially the bilateral agreements that their Governments have signed.
2. To state its profound and continuing concern over the recurrence of acts of conflict in the border area, and to urge the two Governments to take the necessary steps to ensure peace and territorial integrity on the border.
3. To censure and deplore the knowing penetration of air space of Costa Rica and the acts committed by members of the Nicaraguan Air Force on 12 and 13 September in bombing and machine-gunning Costa Rican civilians in Costa Rican territory.
4. To note that, as the report of the ad hoc Committee points out, the two Governments have indicated their desire and will to overcome this situation of conflict and tension between them; and to repeat the offer of good offices of

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the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States, should they consider it advisable, to encourage a friendly settlement of their differences.

5. To express its appreciation to the ad hoc Committee, made up of Ambassador Kémil Dipp-Gómez, of the Dominican Republic, Ambassador José Joaquín Gori, of Colombia, and Ambassador Oliver Jackman, of Barbados, for the efficient work accomplished. To express its appreciation also to the advisers and to the staff members of the General Secretariat who accompanied the ad hoc Committee to Costa Rica and Nicaragua.

6. To thank also the Governments of Costa Rica and Nicaragua for their valued co-operation and for the facilities offered at all times to the ad hoc Committee during its visits to those countries.

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