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LETTERS DATED 28 AUGUST 1981 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES
OF FRANCE AND MEXICO TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE
PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the Joint Declaration issued on 28 August by Their Excellencies Mr. Claude Cheysson, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the French Republic, and Mr. Jorge Castañeda, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mexico.

I should be grateful if you would have the joint declaration circulated to members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Jacques LEPRETTE
Permanent Representative of France
to the United Nations

(Signed) Porfirio MUÑOZ LEDO
Permanent Representative of Mexico
to the United Nations

Annex

Joint Franco-Mexican Declaration on El Salvador

The Minister for Foreign Affairs of France, Mr. Claude CHEYSSON, and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mexico, Mr. Jorge CASTAÑEDA, have held exchanges of views on the situation in Central America.

The two Ministers wish to express the deep concern of their Governments over the sufferings of the Salvadorian people in the present situation, which is a source of potential danger for the stability and peace of the region as a whole, in view of the risks that the crisis may become international.

They are therefore making the following declaration:

/The Ministers/

Convinced that it is for the Salvadorian people alone to find a just and durable settlement of the profound crisis through which the country is passing, thus bringing to an end the plight of the population,

Aware of their responsibility as members of the international community and guided by the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter,

Taking into account the extreme gravity of the current situation and the need for fundamental social, economic and political changes,

Recognize that the alliance of the Farabundo Marti Front for National Liberation and the Revolutionary Democratic Front constitutes a representative political force, prepared to assume obligations and to exercise the rights that derive therefrom. Consequently, it is legitimate that the alliance should participate in instituting the mechanisms of rapprochement and negotiation required for a political settlement of the crisis,

Recall that it is for the Salvadorian people to initiate a global political settlement process in which a new internal order will be established, the armed forces will be reorganized, and conditions will be created for ensuring compliance with the popular will, as expressed through genuinely free elections and other mechanisms of a democratic system,

Appeal to the international community to work, particularly in the framework of the United Nations, to ensure the protection of the civilian population according to the applicable international norms and to facilitate the rapprochement of the representatives of the conflicting Salvadorian political forces, in order that there may be reconciliation in El Salvador and any intervention in its internal affairs may be averted.
