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LETTER DATED 9 AUGUST 1982 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF NICARAGUA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you the communiqué of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua, the complete text of which reads:

"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua, in the face of the grave events which are taking place in the Middle East, specifically, the genocide of the Palestinian and Lebanese peoples being carried out by the Government of Israel, states the following:

Since 19 July 1979, our Revolutionary Government has put into practice a foreign policy based on the principle of the establishment of diplomatic relations with all countries of the world, regardless of their political or economic orientation. Nevertheless, we believe that situations exist in which violence seeks to destroy principles which stand above those on which a country's diplomatic tradition is based. The genocide currently being perpetrated by the Government of Israel against the Palestinian and Lebanese peoples is one of these situations, in the face of which those principles which touch on the very essence of man and the existence of peoples must prevail.

In the face of this grave situation, Nicaragua cannot do less than enter its strongest protest by breaking off every kind of relations with the Government of Israel.

At the same time, we are sure that the people of Israel, who suffered the horrors of the policy of extermination of nazism during the Second World War, will understand our Government's decision and will reject with equal indignation the policy being followed by the current leaders of the State of Israel.

We believe also that this unspeakable situation could not have arisen without the undeniable support of the current Government of the United States of America, whose attitude of complicity in the genocide we repudiate and denounce.

We reiterate our recognition of the sacred right of the Palestinian people to exist as a free and independent nation and our firm support for and solidarity with the Palestine Liberation Organization, the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, and its worthy leader, Comrade Commander Yasser Arafat.

At the same time, we express our deepest concern about the impassibility with which the greater part of the world's Governments are witnessing this genocide, which violates the very foundations on which our civilization rests.

We call vigorously upon all Governments and urge them to express, by all means available to them, their repudiation and condemnation of the genocide in West Beirut.

Managua, 5 August 1982
Year of Unity in the face of Aggression"

I request you to circulate this note as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Jorge CANDA MORALES
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