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LETTER DATED 19 APRIL 1982 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
NICARAGUA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to inform you that in view of the continual violations of our jurisdictional waters by United States warships, clearly undertaken for purposes of intimidation, our Government considers that in order to preserve peace it is essential that negotiations between the two countries should begin immediately.

With that aim in view, and concerned about the delaying tactics of the current Administration, reflected in an article in The Washington Post of 17 April 1982, according to which representatives of the Administration stated that they do not think that the proposals were serious and did not intend to give them priority, we addressed to the United States Government a letter dated 17 April 1982, requesting that such negotiations begin immediately and reaffirming our decision that at no time should the negotiations go beyond the framework of the proposals made by the President of Mexico, José Lopez Portillo. In our view, an effort should be made in the talks to seek political solutions that will end the crisis in the region, and if that goal is to be achieved it is unrealistic to try to exclude Mexico, as seems to be the intention of the United States Government, since Mexico is an integral element as regards the problems and their solutions.

Similarly, we find it surprising that while our Revolutionary Government is seriously committed to dialogue and the search for political solutions, it is precisely those who in the past have intervened in our affairs and are currently directing covert actions and destabilizing plans against our revolution who are stating publicly - and here again I refer to the article in The Washington Post - that we are not sincere and not prepared to negotiate, when logically it is precisely the reverse which should be true.

We are also concerned about statements to the effect that their best strategy might be to assume that internal dissent will weaken the leftist Sandinista Government, since that is a further demonstration of the will expressed in the veto used in the Security Council against a resolution which simply reiterated the principles established in the Charter of our Organization, an attitude which still seems to be maintained, despite the informal talks held between the United States Ambassador in Nicaragua and our Minister for Foreign Affairs and between our

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Ambassador in Washington and the Under-Secretary of State for Latin American Affairs.

For our part, we reiterate once again our revolutionary readiness to seek, through dialogue, the political solutions which our region needs, and our appeal to the United States to abandon its intransigence with regard to its efforts to exclude Mexico from the negotiations, and at the same time to set the date and name the negotiating team so that we can begin the talks which are not only desired by our people but awaited by the international community, as was clear from the statements made in the Security Council when it was discussing the item entitled "Complaint by Nicaragua".

I would request you to have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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to the United Nations
