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OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH SESSION

OBSERVANCE OF THE TWO HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
BIRTH OF SIMON BOLIVAR, THE LIBERATOR

Letter dated 26 November 1982 from the representatives of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, United States of America, Uruguay and Venezuela addressed to the Secretary-General

In accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, and because of the importance of the item, the representatives of the countries which are submitting this communication request the inclusion in the agenda of the thirty-seventh session of the General Assembly of an additional item entitled "Observance of the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of Simón Bolívar, the Liberator".

It is generally known that Simón Bolívar, who was born at Caracas on 24 July 1783, devoted his life to the cause of freedom and democracy in his unremitting efforts to further decolonization, political independence, the protection of the rights of individuals and peoples, social justice and the elimination of discrimination.

The political thought and inspired vision of Bolívar have stamped him as a precursor of the United Nations and the League of Nations. This was recognized in General Assembly resolution 31/142, adopted on the occasion of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Amphictyonic Congress of Panama, which met on 22 June 1826. That resolution paid a tribute to Simón Bolívar, the Liberator, as a promoter of Latin American integration and as a builder of constructive plans for international organization, so that it might serve as "a council during periods of great conflicts, to be appealed to in the event of common danger, and to be a faithful interpreter of public treaties when difficulties arise, in brief, to conciliate all our differences".

The idea of observing the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of Simón Bolívar, the Liberator, has already been put forward at the current session of the General Assembly by a number of heads of delegations, including some Ministers for Foreign Affairs.

We wish to propose to the General Assembly that there should be an appropriate observance of the two hundredth anniversary of Bolívar's birth at United Nations Headquarters - and for this purpose we offer our co-operation to the Secretary-General - in addition to the ceremonies that are being held or are due to be held in our countries.

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