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LETTER DATED 19 JANUARY 1983 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF  
NICARAGUA ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL ADDRESSED TO THE  
PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I hereby transmit to Your Excellency the text of the official communiqué from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua, issued today by its Press Office.

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"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs announces the following:

"The Government of Nicaragua denounces as yet another provocation of our country, to be condemned on every score, the announcement of new air, sea and land military manoeuvres between the armed forces of the United States and Honduras, scheduled to take place between 1 and 6 February 1983. These manoeuvres, which involve the mobilization of some 7,000 persons from both armies - a number without precedent in the region - are undeniably designed:

1. To intimidate Nicaragua.
2. To give support and encouragement to the criminal former Somozan guardsmen settled in Honduras, who during the first 18 days of this year have assassinated 29 persons - mainly young people and children, such as the 13-year-old Guadalupe Ruiz - and have abducted and wounded dozens of Nicaraguans including Pedro Cruz, also aged 13, who are members of the brigades of volunteers helping with the coffee harvest.
3. To prepare conditions for the launching of even more far-ranging acts of aggression.

As this Foreign Ministry stated in a note dated 4 January 1983, as yet unanswered, addressed to Secretary of State George P. Schultz, Nicaragua once again reaffirms the responsibility of the Reagan Administration in all these crimes committed against defenceless Nicaraguan citizens, engaged solely and exclusively in the task of the reconstruction and defence of the fatherland.

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The Government of Nicaragua makes another appeal for prudence and cessation of the threat or use of force, inviting the Government of the United States to engage in a frank and unconditional dialogue, in order to prevent a conflagration and achieve peace.

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Press Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs."

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this communiqué to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Victor Hugo TINOCO  
Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Representative of Nicaragua on the Security Council

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