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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

In its letter of 4 April 1983, to the President of the Security Council, (S/15681), the Government of Nicaragua suggested that discussions be held under the aegis of the United Nations Secretary-General between Nicaragua and Honduras on one hand and Nicaragua and the United States on the other together with other interested parties.

The United States wishes to point out that the Organization of American States is presently seized of the problem in Central America. We believe that, in accordance with Article 52 of the United Nations Charter, regional problems are best resolved at the regional level, and we support the regional efforts now under way, including those in the Organization of American States, to address the issue. The problems are complex, interrelated and multilateral in nature. They do not lend themselves to simple solutions on the basis of bilateral talks. Thus, it has been our long-standing view that the differences in Central America should be negotiated in a regional framework. The recent sterile debate in the Security Council only confirmed this view.

My Government therefore urges the members of the Security Council to support rather than undermine the ongoing efforts aimed at achieving a regional solution for reducing tensions and for maintaining the peace and security of all the States in Central America.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Jeane J. KIRKPATRICK
