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LETTER DATED 6 APRIL 1983 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF FRANCE TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Desiring to support initiatives by Latin American countries aimed at settling the disputes in Central America, France welcomed the offer made in September 1982 by Venezuela and Mexico with a view to a meeting between the Presidents of Honduras and Nicaragua. It also noted with interest the principles which inspired the quadripartite meeting at Contadora.

France is therefore in a position to lend its support to the proposal made in the Security Council on 29 March 1983 by the representative of the United Kingdom that the Secretary-General should, with his consent, be entrusted with a mission of good offices in Central America.

France wishes that the purpose of this mission should be to propose to the States interested in the dispute that was the subject of the Nicaraguan complaint to the Security Council, and to those which may wish to assist in settling the dispute, any appropriate procedure for a meeting between the parties concerned. The latter should then give their prior assent to the agenda and the purposes of that meeting.

I should be obliged if you would circulate this letter as a Security Council document.

(Signed) Luc de la BARRE de NANTEUIL

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