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Letter dated 19 April 1983 from the Permanent Representative of  
Nicaragua to the United Nations addressed to the President of  
the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit the text of the communiqué issued on 19 April 1983 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua. This is in accordance with our policy of keeping that important body informed of all our efforts to achieve a peaceful political solution with respect to the acts of aggression suffered by Nicaragua and the problems facing the region, as put forward recently in the Security Council by our representative, His Excellency Mr. Victor Hugo Tinoco Fonseca, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua.

We consider that the resumption of the Contadora initiative, the first stage of which culminated in the recent meeting held in Panama and the subsequent visit of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Colombia, Mexico, Panama and Venezuela to a number of Central American countries, including Nicaragua, between 10 and 13 April 1983, constitutes an appropriate step towards the establishment of a dialogue which, within the framework of that initiative, could provide a solution to the serious crisis affecting the region and, above all, the bilateral problem between Honduras and Nicaragua.

Similarly, in the same constructive spirit, as is evident from the communiqué annexed hereto, my Government accepted the invitation of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the countries included in the Contadora initiative to participate in a second round of bilateral negotiations, to begin on 20 April, also in Panama. His Excellency Mr. Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann, our Minister for Foreign Affairs, will on such occasion be available for bilateral consultations with the Contadora Foreign Ministers and with other Central Americans if they so desire.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the present note and its annex to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Javier CHAMORRO MORA  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of Nicaragua  
to the United Nations

Annex

Text of the communiqué issued on 19 April 1983 by the  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua reports that, in the light of the Nicaraguan Government's acceptance of the invitation of the Contadora group, Foreign Minister Miguel D'Escoto is today leaving for Panama in order to participate in the second round of the consultations initiated in Nicaragua on 12 April last during the visit of the Foreign Ministers of Panama, Colombia, Mexico and Venezuela, when the latter held talks with Daniel Ortega Saavedra, Commander of the Revolution and Co-ordinator of the Governing Junta of National Reconstruction.

Although the meeting is not a regional one, bilateral meetings, in addition to the consultations which Foreign Minister D'Escoto will hold with the Contadora Foreign Ministers, will be arranged with those Foreign Ministers of the region who desire to hold talks with the Nicaraguan Foreign Minister.

Managua, 19 April 1983  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the  
Republic of Nicaragua

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