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OF HONDURAS TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from Dr. Edgardo Paz Barnica, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras, I have the honour to transmit to you the text of the note of protest addressed to His Excellency Mr. Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua, which reads as follows:

"Note No. 228-DSM - Tegucigalpa, D.C., 15 April 1983:

Sir: I have the honour to inform you that yesterday, 14 April, at 1 p.m., two Nicaraguan patrol boats shelled two Honduran fishing vessels at a point situated at 15.8' latitude north, 82.31' longitude west, near the Bobel and Media Luna keys, in Honduran jurisdictional waters. The vessel Neo-King was seriously damaged by this unjustified attack, while the Dayana-G was taken to Nicaraguan territory, and the fate of its crew is unknown. My Government wishes to lodge a vigorous protest about this further act of aggression by the Nicaraguan Government against unarmed vessels with civilian crews. I wish to remind you that the main purpose of the meeting held last year between the Commanders of the Naval Forces of Honduras and Nicaragua was to seek appropriate means of avoiding this type of incident. The Honduran delegation made specific proposals to that end, while the Nicaraguan Government has never expressed its views on them. Moreover, the latter Government has not proposed the convening of the follow-up meeting that was agreed upon, thus demonstrating its unwillingness to devise peaceful and civilized solutions to the problems facing the Central American region in general and our two countries in particular. I take this opportunity to renew to you the expression of my highest consideration. - Edgardo Paz Barnica, Minister for Foreign Affairs".

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

(Signed) Enrique ORTEZ COLINDRES
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
