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LETTER DATED 20 JULY 1983 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF
THE PERMANENT MISSION OF NICARAGUA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you the text of the communiqué issued by the National Command of the Sandinist National Liberation Front on 19 July 1983. That document, having been adopted by the Governing Junta of National Reconstruction of the Republic of Nicaragua, contains the positions of the Government of Nicaragua and its specific proposals concerning the difficult regional situation, in the hope and conviction that a solution of the serious problems of Central America can be reached by the peaceful route of dialogue and negotiation.

I should be most grateful if you would have this note and its annex circulated as a Security Council document.

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Annex

"The National Command of the Sandinist Liberation Front shares the view, expressed by the Heads of State of the Contadora Group that the use of force as a possible solution does not resolve but aggravates the underlying tensions. Peace in Central America can become a reality only in so far as respect is maintained for the fundamental principles of coexistence among nations: non-intervention, self-determination, sovereign equality of States, co-operation for economic and social development, peaceful settlement of disputes and free and authentic expression of the will of the people.

We share these views because our ideals and principles - people's power, socio-economic changes for the benefit of the great majorities of the nation, the sovereignty and complete independence of our country, the decision to build a new society which is free, democratic, pluralistic and free from exploitation - are facts and convictions deeply rooted in the hearts of millions of Nicaraguans.

The Sandinist People's Revolution is an irreversible political reality, with national and international repercussions recognized by everyone.

Nicaragua has no expansionist ambitions and does not try to impose its socio-political system on other countries. We have no economic investments abroad, and no dreams of imperial domination; therefore our people neither needs nor wants war. For Nicaragua, its commitment never to attack any other country is a matter of principle.

The Sandinist National Liberation Front, which has struggled and continues struggling to ensure a peaceful and secure existence for our people, aware of the deterioration of the situation in the region and in keeping with the latest constructive steps taken by the Governments of the Contadora Group, has decided to make a new effort to contribute to peace, despite our absolute conviction that the greatest threat to the peace of the region requires bilateral solutions.

The Government of National Reconstruction will consent to making the beginning of the negotiation process recommended by the Contadora Group multilateral, in order to put an end to excuses and to ensure that those who profess an interest in peace should take specific action for the development of the process that could lay the foundations for that peace.

Furthermore, taking into account the fact that the Heads of State have entrusted to their Ministers for Foreign Affairs the elaboration of specific proposals to be submitted to the Central American countries for consideration, in connection with the coming joint meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs, and that the greatest dangers to peace in the region may come from the exacerbation of the military conflicts that already exist, the Sandinist National Liberation Front proposes that a discussion of the following basic points should be begun immediately:

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- (1) A commitment to put an end to any existing situation of belligerence through the immediate signature of a non-aggression agreement between Nicaragua and Honduras.
- (2) The absolute cessation of all supplying of arms by any country to the forces engaged in conflict in El Salvador, in order that that people may resolve its problems without outside intervention.
- (3) The absolute cessation of all military support in the form of supplies of arms, training, use of territory for launching acts of aggression, or any other form of aggression, to the forces opposed to any of the Central American Governments.
- (4) Commitments which will ensure absolute respect for the self-determination of the Central American peoples and non-interference in the internal affairs of each country.
- (5) The cessation of acts of aggression and economic discrimination against any country of Central America.
- (6) Non-installation of foreign military bases in the territory of Central America, and suspension of military exercises with participation by foreign armies in the Central American area.

Progress in the resolution of these points will automatically help to ensure that other points which also give concern to Central American States and are included in the agenda of the Contadora Group will be discussed with a view to finding a viable and lasting solution for the security and stability of the countries of the region.

Once the agreements with the Contadora Group have been arrived at and approved, the United Nations Security Council, as the highest international body responsible for safeguarding international peace and security, should supervise and give all countries guarantees of compliance with the said agreements.

Nicaragua declares in advance that it is ready to carry out in a fully responsible manner all commitments arising out of the said agreements, and it demonstrates that readiness by accepting the view of the Heads of State of the Contadora Group, that the task of settling specific differences between countries should be tackled initially by the signing of a memorandum of understanding and the creation of commissions which will enable the parties to take out joint action and guarantee effective control of their territories, especially in the frontier areas. Pending the realization of these initiatives, the people of Nicaragua will remain fully mobilized and ready to erect a wall of patriotism and guns on which the aggressors will be smashed.

NATIONAL COMMAND OF THE SANDINIST NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT"
