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Letter dated 24 September 1988 from the Permanent Representative of
Bolivia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I am pleased to enclose herewith the message which
H.E. Dr. Víctor Paz Estenssoro, Constitutional President of the Republic of
Bolivia, has addressed to you on the occasion of the forty-third session of the
United Nations General Assembly.

I should be grateful if you would see to it that the enclosed note is
circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 82, entitled
"Development and international economic co-operation".

(Signed) Hugo NAVAJAS MOGRO
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

TEXT OF THE MESSAGE FROM THE CONSTITUTIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF BOLIVIA ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transcribe the text of the message received today from H.E. Dr. Víctor Paz Estenssoro, Constitutional President of the Republic of Bolivia, addressed to you.

"His Excellency Mr. Javier Perez de Cuellar
Secretary-General of the United Nations
New York

My Government has followed with unabated interest the laborious and complex negotiations conducted by the United Nations Secretariat, under your able guidance, to resolve regional conflicts whose negative effects are jeopardizing international peace and security and adversely affecting the uneasy balance between the great Powers.

The peace which is dawning in the Persian Gulf region, in Afghanistan, in southern Africa and in Western Sahara, is the product of your unswerving dedication to the task of finding mechanisms to facilitate the solution of these complex conflicts. Accordingly, I wish to extend to you my personal congratulations and the support of the Government of Bolivia on your magnificent work and on your indefatigable efforts on behalf of peace.

I also wish to thank you for your noble endeavours before the international community to co-operate with my Government in the arduous task of engaging international understanding and solidarity in the face of my country's distressing economic crisis and in support of the stabilization and structural adjustment measures which were adopted as far back as 1985.

As you know, the Government over which I preside is resolutely and courageously pursuing a responsible and realistic policy in order to surmount the economic crisis affecting Bolivian society. I take particular pleasure in confirming to you that Bolivia's difficult economic situation is gradually being surmounted.

In the course of three years and two months, we have managed to stabilize our economy and to lay the foundations for economic reactivation. The most tremendous inflation ever witnessed in Latin America has been eliminated and today Bolivia is moving resolutely towards reactivating production for the benefit of all the citizens, who have contributed, down to the last one, to the success of my Government's economic policy.

The fact that this entire programme has been implemented in a context of democracy and profound respect for, and adherence to, human rights is of particular significance.

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In expressing my confidence that Bolivia is on the way to a better future, one in which we hope to be able to count on your continued support and that of the United Nations system under your noble guidance, accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Dr. Víctor Paz Estenssoro
Constitutional President of
the Republic of Bolivia"

Accordingly, accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Guillermo BEDREGAL GUTIERREZ
Minister for Foreign Affairs and
Worship of Bolivia
