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AGENDA OF THE THIRTY-EIGHTH SESSION

THE SITUATION IN GRENADA

Letter dated 31 October 1983 from the Permanent Representative of
Nicaragua to the United Nations addressed to the President of the
Security Council

In conformity with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, I have the honour to request that the item entitled "The situation in Grenada" be included as an additional item in the agenda of the thirty-eighth session of the General Assembly and be considered with priority because of its important and urgent character.

An explanatory memorandum and a draft resolution are annexed in accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure.

(Signed) Javier CHAMORRO MORA
Permanent Representative
of Nicaragua

ANNEX I

Explanatory memorandum

1. On 25 October 1983, the Republic of Grenada was invaded by United States armed forces together with token forces from Jamaica, Barbados, Saint Lucia, Dominica, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Antigua and Barbuda, in a clear violation of the Charter of the United Nations and international law.
2. The Governments of the States involved in the invasion have tried to justify their illegal action by invoking Article 8 of the Treaty establishing the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States, an organization of which Grenada itself is a founding member and which is committed to "promote unity and solidarity among the member States and to defend their sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence".
3. There is no question but that the invasion of Grenada by these forces constitutes naked armed aggression, does not conform with the letter nor the spirit of the Treaty invoked and should be deplored by the international community.
4. The examination of this question by the Security Council on 25, 26, 27 and 28 October 1983 unequivocally showed that the majority of the Members of the Organization rejected the military invasion of Grenada and demanded the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of all foreign troops from its territory.
5. The General Assembly should, therefore, adopt the draft resolution presented by Guyana, Nicaragua and Zimbabwe to the Security Council, which the Council failed to adopt because of the negative vote of one of its permanent members and which is now introduced in a revised form.

ANNEX II

Draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Considering the statements made before the Security Council in connection with the situation in Grenada,

Recalling the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States, a/

Recalling also the principles concerning the inadmissibility of intervention and interference in the internal affairs of States,

Reaffirming the sovereign and inalienable right of Grenada freely to determine its own political, economic and social system, and to develop its international relations without outside intervention, interference, subversion, coercion or threat in any form whatsoever,

Deeply deploring the events in Grenada which led to the killing of the Prime Minister, Mr. Maurice Bishop, and other prominent Grenadians,

Bearing in mind that, in accordance with Article 2, paragraph 4, of the Charter of the United Nations, all Member States are obliged to refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State or to act in any other manner inconsistent with the principles of the Charter,

Gravely concerned at the military intervention taking place and determined to ensure a speedy return to normalcy in Grenada,

Conscious of the need for States to show consistent respect for the principles of the Charter,

1. Deeply deplores the armed intervention in Grenada, which constitutes a flagrant violation of international law and of the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of that State;

2. Deplores the death of innocent civilians resulting from the armed intervention;

3. Calls upon all States to show strictest respect for the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Grenada;

4. Calls for an immediate cessation of the armed intervention and the immediate withdrawal of the foreign troops from Grenada;

5. Requests the Secretary-General as a matter of urgency to assess the situation and to report back within seventy-two hours to the General Assembly.

a/ General Assembly resolution 2625 (XXV).