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Letter dated 1 August 1983 from the Permanent Representative of Panama  
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you, Sir, the text of the information bulletin issued at the conclusion of the meeting which the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Colombia, Mexico, Panama and Venezuela held with the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua at Panama City from 28 to 30 July 1983.

I request you, Sir, to have this communiqué circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under items 64, 66 and 125 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Carlos OZORES T.  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX  
INFORMATION BULLETIN

Pursuing diplomatic efforts in behalf of peace in Central America, the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Colombia, Mexico, Panama and Venezuela, the members of the Contadora Group, met with their counterparts from Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua on 28, 29 and 30 July.

During this third joint meeting, they reviewed developments in the situation in Central America and, in an atmosphere of frank cordiality, advanced the process of negotiations aimed at fostering a stable and lasting peace throughout the region.

With respect to that objective, the Central American Ministers for Foreign Affairs stated their agreement with and support for the Cancún Declaration issued recently by the Heads of State of Colombia, Mexico, Panama and Venezuela. They also agreed on the necessity of laying the foundations for the agreements which are essential for achieving peace and, on that subject, the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras, on the one hand, and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua, on the other, made specific suggestions, setting forth the approaches and points of view of their countries with respect to the features, contents and scope which those agreements should have.

With the aim of analysing the proposals made, identifying areas of agreement, narrowing the gap between positions and advancing the peace process, it was decided to resume the joint deliberations during August in Panama City.

The participants were unanimous in their satisfaction at the constructive atmosphere which prevailed during the meetings. A new phase has been entered in the process of détente, characterized by flexible dialogue and a manifest political will. In such conditions, it should be possible to reach agreement on the basis for a regional political undertaking guaranteeing peace, restoring security, promoting democracy and fostering co-operation for development.

On the second anniversary of the death of General Omar Torrijos Herrera, the nine Ministers for Foreign Affairs meeting in Panama paid a deserved tribute to his memory and laid a wreath at the tomb which holds his mortal remains, expressing their commitment to the ideals of peace, independence and the self-determination of peoples, principles for which Omar fought with a visionary spirit.

President de la Espriella received the nine Ministers for Foreign Affairs, who expressed their gratitude to him for the efforts which his Government was making in behalf of regional co-existence and for the generous hospitality of the Panamanian people.

Panama, 30 July 1983.

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