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Letter dated 26 October 1983 from the Permanent Representative of
the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the text of a statement dated 25 October 1983 by the Soviet Government.

I request that you have the text of the statement circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 66 and 142, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) O. TROYANOVSKY

ANNEX

Statement by the Soviet Government

As a result of the aggressive actions of the United States, a serious threat has been created to the sovereignty and security of the Republic of Nicaragua, and the situation in the whole of Central America has been exacerbated. Thousands of professional mercenaries have been poured into Nicaraguan territory and are killing the peaceful inhabitants, sabotaging economic objectives and trying by all possible means to paralyse the peaceful life of the country. They have been trained at American bases and are armed with American weapons. Their activities are directed and co-ordinated directly by the Central Intelligence Agency and other special services of the United States.

Washington is not confining itself to the use of counter-revolutionary rabble to serve as the front line of the interventionist forces. The people of Nicaragua are threatened by a direct invasion of American forces. The Pentagon has amassed dozens of warships off the coast of Nicaragua in the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans and has moved into neighbouring Honduras, under the guise of exercises, massive combat contingents of the American armed forces, who are giving direct support to the rebel bands.

Official representatives of the United States do not conceal the fact that an actual war is being waged against Nicaragua for the purpose of overthrowing the lawful Government of that sovereign State, and to force the Nicaraguan people to abandon their chosen road to development and submit to the dictates of the United States.

The United States Administration is not only inspiring and materially sponsoring the subversive actions against Nicaragua and other countries but it has now made such activities part of its general policy. A recent statement by President Reagan concerning the "right" to conduct covert operations against independent countries was interpreted even in the United States as the proclamation of a policy of "State terrorism".

This is a direct challenge to all those States that have repeatedly stigmatized and repudiated the policy of interference in the affairs of sovereign States and peoples and a cynical hegemonistic attempt to introduce arbitrariness and lawlessness into international affairs. Washington's policies and practical actions represent a gross violation of the basic principles of international law, of the Charter of the United Nations and the provisions of the Helsinki Final Act.

From the example of Nicaragua it is patently clear what Washington's lofty phrases about freedom, democracy and human rights are worth and what moral standards really prevail there. It is plain to any unbiased person that freedom, democracy and human rights end for the present United States Administration at the point where peoples break free from the fetters of imperialist exploitation and embark on the path of genuinely independent development.

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It is the height of hypocrisy to attempt to represent matters as if the United States Government is advocating a political settlement in Central America. In actual fact it is sabotaging the constructive efforts of Nicaragua and other Latin American countries and by its practical actions it is showing a complete lack of interest in a political solution to the problems of that region.

The actions of the United States towards Nicaragua constitute a crime against the Nicaraguan people and a direct threat to the security and sovereignty of all Latin American States and an attempt to forcibly arrogate the right to decide what system a particular country should adopt and what foreign policy it should follow.

All those who care about peace and freedom must raise their voices in support of the just cause of Nicaragua and redouble their efforts to remove tension from the region of Central America and thwart Washington's dangerous plans. The Government of the USSR resolutely condemns the aggressive policy of the United States with regard to Nicaragua and proclaims the unswerving solidarity of the Soviet people with the just struggle of the Nicaraguan people for a free and independent development of their own choosing. Interference in the affairs of Nicaragua must stop.
