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OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES ADDRESSED TO THE
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In accordance Article 54 Charter United Nations I have the honour to transmit to you for information Security Council following resolution adopted today by Tenth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs:

"The Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the American Republics,

"Considering

"That this Meeting, on 1 May 1965, established a commission to proceed to the Dominican Republic in order to bring about the restoration of peace and normal conditions in the territory of that Republic, and that the relevant resolution requests the American Governments and the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States to extend their full co-operation with a view to facilitating the work of the commission;

"That the formation of an inter-American force will signify ipso facto the transformation of the forces at present in Dominican territory into another force which will not be that of one State or of a group of States, but that of an inter-State body, OAS, whose specific function it is to interpret the democratic will of its members;

"That, the American States being under the obligation to assist one another, the Organization is under the same obligation to a greater degree; it is called upon to safeguard the principles of the Charter and to do everything in its power to ensure that, in situations such as that prevailing in the Dominican Republic, action is taken which is conducive to the restoration of peace and normal democratic conditions;

"That, the Organization of American States being competent to assist its member States in keeping the peace and restoring normal democratic conditions, it is also undoubtedly competent to provide the means which reality and circumstances require and which caution indicates as appropriate for the accomplishment of these purposes;

"That the commission of OAS which went to the Dominican Republic, in its second report to this Meeting, recommends the formation of an inter-American force to attain the objectives set by the Meeting of Consultation,

"Resolves:

"(1) To request the Governments of those member States which are in a position to do so to make available to the Organization of American States, within their capabilities and to the extent that they can do so, contingents of land, naval, air or police forces with which to form an inter-American Force that will operate under the authority of this Tenth Meeting of Consultation.

"(2) That this Force shall have as its sole purpose, in a spirit of democratic impartiality, that of co-operating in the restoration of normal conditions in the Dominican Republic, in maintaining the security of its inhabitants and the inviolability of human rights, and in the establishment of an atmosphere of peace and conciliation in which democratic institutions will be able to function in the said Republic.

"(3) To request the commanders of the military contingents making up this Force to take, by direct arrangement among themselves and with a commission of this Meeting, the necessary technical measures to establish a Unified Command of OAS for co-ordinated and effective action by the Inter-American Armed Force. Steps shall be taken to ensure that the national contingents composing this Force are gradually equalized.

"(4) That, at such time as the OAS Unified Command determines that the Inter-American Armed Force is capable of accomplishing the purposes laid down in the resolution adopted by this Meeting on 1 May 1965, the full responsibility for accomplishing these purposes shall be assumed by the said Force.

"(5) That the decision to withdraw the Inter-American Force from Dominican territory shall be taken by this Meeting of Consultation.

"(6) To remain in session in order to keep the situation under review, to receive the report and recommendations of the commission and, in the light thereof, to take the necessary steps to facilitate the prompt restoration of democratic order in the Dominican Republic.

"(7) To communicate the text of this resolution to the United Nations Security Council."

Accept, Sir, etc.

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