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OF BRAZIL TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

With reference to the situation in Grenada, I have the honour to request that the official note issued today, 26 October 1983, by the Government of Brazil, and transcribed below be circulated as a document of the Security Council:

"Brazil has been paying the closest attention and is deeply concerned with developments in Grenada. Recent events in that country led to a process of violence, condemned by several segments of the international community, and exacerbating the insecurity felt by friendly members of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States. As a follow-up to the measures of a political and economic nature, some of the member states of that organization (Antigua and Barbuda, St. Christopher and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Dominica and Saint Lucia) opted for military action, with the support of the United States of America, Barbados and Jamaica.

"Even though we understand that the internal situation in Grenada was about to reach extremes, and as such, was capable of provoking legitimate disquietude in neighbouring countries, the Brazilian Government cannot fail to deplore this recourse to armed force, which is in violation of the principle of non-intervention, as consecrated in the Charter of the United Nations and the Charter of the Organization of American States, specifically in Article 18.

"The Brazilian Government reconfirms its allegiance to the principle of the non-use of force in international relations and reaffirms its conviction of the absolute validity of the principle of non-intervention, both principles that all signatories of the Charter of the Organization of American States and the Charter of the United Nations are committed to respect.

"In this moment of the gravest importance for the very life of Latin-American nations, Brazil sounds the alarm against the risks of aggravating the situation in our hemisphere and vehemently appeals for an honest and effective political effort that will dispel tensions and be directed towards a peaceful solution for existing problems."

(Signed) George A. MACIEL
Permanent Representative of Brazil
to the United Nations
