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LETTER DATED 25 OCTOBER 1983 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF BELIZE TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF  
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to convey to you the attached statement of the position of Belize on the situation in Grenada from the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Belize, the Rt. Hon. George Price, with the request that this statement be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

Robert Anthony LESLIE  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

Annex

Position of the Government of Belize on the situation in Grenada

The Government of Belize condemns the senseless killing of the Prime Minister of Grenada, Mr. Maurice Bishop, and members of his Cabinet, together with union leaders, and mourns the loss of this Caribbean leader and the suffering of the people of Grenada.

At the emergency meeting of the heads of Government of the 12 Caribbean countries, held last weekend in Trinidad and Tobago, it was agreed to follow the legal procedures to suspend Grenada from the Caribbean Community. The Organization of Eastern Caribbean States, for its part, decided to impose immediate trade and economic sanctions against Grenada.

On the question of military intervention, four countries - Bahamas, Belize, Guyana and Trinidad and Tobago - opposed the call to invade Grenada.

The Government of Belize reiterates its position against military intervention in Grenada and remains firmly committed to the principles of non-intervention in the internal affairs of other States, non-use of force and respect for the right of self-determination.

The Government of Belize expresses its grave reservations and deep concern over the armed intervention taking place in Grenada, calls for the immediate cessation of this intervention and the withdrawal of the invading troops from Grenada, and requests all States concerned to show the strictest respect for the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Grenada to ensure a speedy return to normalcy in this sister Caribbean nation.

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