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LETTER DATED 20 OCTOBER 1983 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF HONDURAS TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF  
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government I have the honour to bring to your attention the text of note No. 479 DA which the Minister for Foreign Affairs of my country addressed to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua on Monday, 17 October, protesting most forcefully against another act of aggression against and violation of our territory perpetrated on 15 October by six heavily armed Nicaraguan vessels navigating in Honduran territorial waters. The text of the note reads as follows:

"Tegucigalpa, D.C., 17 October 1983. His Excellency,  
Mr. Don Miguel D'Escoto Brockman, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Managua,  
Nicaragua.

"Sir,

"I am writing to you to protest most forcefully against yet another act of aggression against and violation of our territory perpetrated on Saturday, 15 October, at 11 a.m. by six heavily armed Nicaraguan vessels which, in suspicious circumstances, were in Honduran territorial waters, parallel 15°04'00" North, Cabo de Gracias a Dios sector. When discovered by the Honduran patrol vessel 'Chamelecón', which was carrying out its routine tasks, some of them took evasive action and others opened fire on our patrol vessel which, in self-defence, repulsed the attack. On various occasions heavily armed Nicaraguan fishing vessels have committed acts of piracy against Honduran fishing vessels and have violated our territorial sea, while seemingly engaged in innocuous routine work, when in fact they are vessels of war under the command of the Nicaraguan Sandinista Army. I again appeal to your Government to desist from these acts of aggression and to honour its own assertions that it wishes to contribute to peaceful good neighbourliness between States. I repeat that the way to peace, if peace is what is really desired, lies through regional dialogue without preconditions, the abandonment of reliance on military force and a stop to all provocation, as my Government has proposed to the Contadora Group and in international forums.

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"Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

"(Signed) Edgardo Paz Barnica, Minister for Foreign Affairs."

The preceding transcript has been brought to the attention of the Organization of American States and I should be grateful if you would arrange for it to be circulated as a document of the Council.

(Signed) Roberto HERRERA CACERES  
Ambassador, Permanent Representative

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