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

I have the honour to bring to your attention the text of the letter sent on 17 October 1983 by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras, Dr. Edgardo Paz Barnica, to the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the countries of the Contadora Group, Dr. José Alberto Zambrano Velasco of Venezuela, Dr. Rodrigo Lloreda Caicedo of Colombia, Dr. Bernardo Sepúlveda Amor of Mexico and Dr. Oyden Ortega of Panama. The subject of this letter concerns the submission, by the Government of Nicaragua, of the Central American item for discussion by the United Nations General Assembly. The text of this letter has been communicated by the Mission of Honduras to the Organization of American States to the States members of that Organization, and reads as follows:

"Tegucigalpa, D.C., 17 October 1983. Sir: I have the honour to refer to the inclusion, at the request of the Government of Nicaragua, in the agenda of the thirty-eighth session of the United Nations General Assembly, of the item concerning the situation in Central America and the peace negotiations. I have been informed that the debate on this item in the General Assembly will begin on 9 November 1983 and that Nicaragua is actively promoting the participation of countries and groups of countries in that debate. As I had occasion to state on behalf of the Government of Honduras, during my recent visit to the United Nations, the discussion of this item in that Organization will obstruct the peace initiative which the Central American countries have entrusted to the Contadora Group and will remove consideration of the problems of the area from the Latin American context and situate them at the level of East-West confrontation, for the unmistakable purpose of polarizing and universalizing the crisis which is troubling Central America. The Government of Honduras understands that the members of the Contadora Group have expressed their disagreement with the proposal to discuss the Central American item in the General Assembly and hopes that your Government will take whatever action it considers most appropriate to prevent the Group's peace-making initiative from being impaired by a discussion or by draft resolutions which the Government of Honduras knows that Nicaragua intends to submit. I must also point out that the actions undertaken by the Nicaraguan Government are a further breach of the commitments made by Honduras and Nicaragua to the

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Contadora Group and ultimately tend to belittle the good offices of the Group and avoid responsibility for a global and regional solution of the crisis, which could have very negative repercussions and delay the diplomatic solution of the conflict situation in the Central American isthmus. Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration. (Signed) Edgardo Paz BARNICA, Minister for Foreign Affairs"

Please make the necessary arrangements for the above text to be circulated as a Security Council document.

(Signed) Roberto HERRERA CACERES  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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