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LETTER DATED 26 OCTOBER 1983 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF INDIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF  
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to enclose the text of a statement issued by the Government of India on 26 October 1983 regarding the developments in Grenada and to request that this may be circulated as a document of the Security Council in the context of its current consideration of the situation in Grenada.

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to the United Nations

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Annex

Text of a statement issued by the Government of India  
on 26 October 1983

The Government of India views the events in Grenada with grave concern. The killing of Prime Minister Maurice Bishop and several of his cabinet colleagues has caused consternation and dismay in India and other non-aligned countries. We were looking forward to receiving Prime Minister Bishop in November for the Commonwealth heads of Government meeting.

The invasion of Grenada by outside forces cannot be justified and is inconsistent with the basic laws of international behaviour. The Government of India is strongly opposed to interference and intervention by any country in another. It considers it desirable and necessary that big and powerful countries should act with maximum restraint in their dealings with independent countries. No country has any right to impose a régime or system of Government of its own preference on another country.

The situation in Central America and the Caribbean is already charged with tensions and strains. Foreign military intervention can only aggravate these and perpetuate instability and conflict in the region. We urge immediate withdrawal of all foreign forces from Grenada, so that it can manage its own affairs in freedom.

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