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Letter dated 23 December 1988 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of El Salvador to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you the telex concerning the Government of El Salvador's denunciation of the abduction of two officials (see annex).

I should be very grateful if you would arrange for this information to be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under the item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council".

(Signed) Guillermo A. MELENDEZ
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

ANNEX

Denunciation by the Government of El Salvador of the
abduction of two officials

"San Salvador, 20 December 1988. The Government of El Salvador wishes to denounce an abduction. On 16 December 1988, FMLN-FDR terrorist groups abducted Mr. Ernesto Palomo-Alcaine, an engineer, and Mr. Miguel Angel Melara-Oliva while they were on their way to San Antonio, Nueva Grenada, province of Usulután, to inspect a settlement of displaced persons situated on the 'San Antonio' estate. Mr. Palomo is in charge of resettlement and employment programmes for displaced persons and a consultant under contract to the Division of Human Resources and Humanitarian Assistance of the Agency for International Development (AID). Mr. Melara is monitoring the distribution of food given to the displaced persons by the responsible State commission. According to information obtained by the Commission on Human Rights, the vehicle in which they were travelling was set on fire by the terrorists. The work of these professionals is technical in nature and essentially humanitarian. The Government of El Salvador urgently requests Professor Pastor Ridruejo, Special Representative of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and other international humanitarian agencies to intercede with the FMLN-FDR in order to secure the speedy release of the two officials, safe and unharmed. The Government of El Salvador also requests that these acts be condemned as a further violation of the personal freedom of the individual and of the right to work."
