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Letter dated 4 January 1989 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 terrorist attacks:

"San Salvador, 4 January 1989

"The Government of El Salvador denounces terrorist attacks. The Salvadorian people has again suffered from terrorist acts by the Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front-Democratic Revolutionary Front: on 23 December 1988 'urban commandos' detonated four car bombs outside a social services office and fast-food establishment located on a busy street in the capital, San Salvador, resulting in at least three civilian deaths, dozens of civilian casualties and extensive material damage. In addition, in the Departments of Morazán, Chalatenango and San Vicente, terrorist groups continue to threaten municipal mayors who were freely elected in the elections of last March. Owing to the 'execution' of judicial officials and members of municipal councils, 18 mayors have been obliged to abandon their families, property and the municipal work which they were carrying out in fulfilment of the mandate given them by the people at the polls. The Commission on Human Rights can only denounce and condemn this further escalation of terrorism which, as on previous occasions, affects most acutely the non-combatant civilian population, the Salvadorian people which is increasingly desirous of peace. The Commission on Human Rights urges the international community to consider the fundamental contradiction that exists between the words of the armed groups of the Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front-Democratic Revolutionary Front, who profess to desire peace, and their indiscriminate deeds which cause innocent civilian deaths. Likewise, it asks the international community to consider these attacks as what they are, namely, violations of human rights and, above

all, of the rules of international humanitarian law. In making this denunciation, the Government of El Salvador again asks the Special Representative of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, governmental and non-governmental organizations that monitor the human rights situation and the Governments which are observing with interest the development of the human rights situation in El Salvador, to condemn these actions and to demand that the Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front-Democratic Revolutionary Front cease its practice of trampling on the human rights of the Salvadorian people."

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
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