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Letter dated 17 February 1989 from the Permanent Representative of  
Spain to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the English and French versions of the statement issued on 16 February 1989 by the 12 States members of the European Community concerning the declaration adopted on 14 February by the Central American Presidents (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under the item entitled "The situation in Central America: threats to international peace and security and peace initiatives", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Francisco VILLAR

ANNEX

Statement issued on 16 February 1989 by the Twelve on the  
declaration of Central American Presidents

The Twelve welcome the declaration adopted by the five Central American Presidents after the summit meeting in El Salvador on 14 February.

They consider it an important step forward in the process of full implementation of the Esquipulas Agreements. They particularly welcome the announcement by the Nicaraguan Government of its decision to call for free and general elections within one year with the presence of international observers in the context of a programme of measures conducive to national reconciliation. They equally wish to stress the importance of the agreement to elaborate a joint plan for demobilization and voluntary resettlement and repatriation of the members of the Nicaraguan Resistance and their families.

They also note the Presidents' appeal to all sectors, and particularly to insurgent movements and irregular forces acting in the area to join the constitutional political processes in their respective countries, as well as their call to all sectors of Salvadorian society to participate in the forthcoming elections.

The Community and its member States note the appeal to the EC contained in the declaration concerning the programme for economic integration in the Central American isthmus. They look forward to discussing in the coming meeting of San Pedro Sula the concrete forms of their economic and political contribution to the peace process in the area.

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