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In accordance with Article 54 Charter United Nations I have the honour to transmit to you for information Security Council the following cable from Mr. Horacio Vicioso Soto addressed to the Chairman of the Tenth Meeting of Consultation in which he transcribes a note of 22 June 1965 sent to the Ad Hoc Committee:

"Santo Domingo
24 June 1965

"His Excellency Ambassador Guillermo Sevilla Sacasa
Chairman of the Tenth Meeting of Consultation
Pan American Union
Washington, D.C.

"I have the honour to transcribe below, for your information and for such purposes as you may deem appropriate, text of note dated 22 June 1965 addressed to members Ad Hoc Committee:

'Santo Domingo
22 June 1965

'Sirs:

'I have the honour to inform you that, according to information furnished by the Secretary of State for the Armed Forces and the National Police, the Dominican Navy has been prevented from raising the Dominican flag on the premises of the Naval School, where a hospital is temporarily providing medical care for the Inter-American troops who are in the country, it being alleged that the Dominican flag could not be raised on the premises in question because to allow such an act would signify partiality towards the Dominican Armed Forces.

'This attitude not only shows deplorable ignorance in that it reflects the position that the Dominican flag is the insignia of the Armed Forces and not a national symbol, but it also constitutes an outrage that cannot on any grounds or in any circumstances be accepted or tolerated by my Government, since it constitutes an affront to the sacred sovereignty of the Dominican Republic.

'Until now this unheard-of refusal has not become known to the Dominican people, who will be bound to express their resentment and to protest vigorously if they see the Dominican flag prevented from waving freely in any part of the territory of the Republic.

'In view of the serious happening denounced in this note, the Government of National Reconstruction, acting through me, not only submits the most vigorous protest but also demands that the Dominican flag should fly freely throughout the territory of the Republic, and that in the future acts which could in any way offend our sovereignty should be avoided, for neither the Dominican people nor the Dominican Government will tolerate such a humiliation.

'I therefore ask you to use your good offices to the end that my Government's request may become effective immediately; otherwise, we shall consider ourselves free to decide what measures to take in order to assert our rights in defence of the sovereignty of the country.

'Accept, Sirs, the assurances of my highest consideration.

'Horacio VICIOSO SOTO
'Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs

'Their Excellencies Ambassadors
Ilmar Penna Marinho,
Ramon de Clairmont Dueñas,
Ellsworth Bunker,
Members of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Organization of American States,
Santo Domingo.'

Accept, etc.,

William SANDERS
Assistant Secretary General
Organization of American States
