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Letter dated 26 April 1989 from the Permanent Representative of
Panama to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the statement made on 24 April 1989 by His Excellency the President of the Republic of Panama, Mr. Manuel Solís Palma, concerning United States meddling in the electoral process in Panama (see annex).

I request that you arrange for the text of the statement to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under items 72, 73, 83 and 115 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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withholds, as it has for several months, hundreds of millions of dollars which belong to it? Where is the honour of the founding fathers and the generations of Panamanian patriots, and of their nationalist struggles which have been betrayed for a handful of dollars? Where is the decency of the agents of United States hegemonism who are prepared to buy hearts and minds?

These acts which I have reported reveal the anti-national character of the Panamanian opposition, which shares with the United States Government the infamous responsibility for the economic, financial, political and moral aggression that has been inflicted on our country. They are responsible for the increase in unemployment and they, together with the United States Government, shall be held responsible by history for any serious and unfortunate incident that might occur in the Republic in the days ahead.

It is clear that what the United States is seeking is to do away with the Government of Panama and set up in its place a puppet Government that serves its aim of international political hegemony. But the Government of that powerful nation must know now that we are prepared to denounce its aggression in the United Nations Security Council and that we will oppose any physical aggression it may try to carry out with all the means at our disposal and with the courage and valour of the Panamanian people.

The profound respect which my Government and the Panamanian defence forces have for the determination of the people has been demonstrated by the unprecedented holding of elections under conditions of relentless aggression and in spite of the deliberate and hostile involvement not only of the United States Government but also of its armed forces, its economic resources and its secret agents present in our national territory.

In order to secure an end to the aggression and to ensure internal stability with national unity, the triumph of national liberation must be overwhelming and resounding. Those who have feeling for their fatherland, although they may not be with us, and those who want a more vigorous and speedy recovery, must recognize that a clear victory for COLINA is the only possible way to preserve peace and to allow us to settle our differences among ourselves. We condemn the action of the United States Government, which has been reported in the United States press itself, as part of its plan to thwart the right of the Panamanian people to self-determination provided for in the Charter of the United Nations. Our Government will take whatever steps it deems necessary in the appropriate international forums to denounce the violation by the United States Government, through its direct intervention in the domestic affairs of our country, of the United Nations Charter, of the Charter of the Organization of American States and of the Panama Canal Treaty.

With the protection of our rights and democratic institutions, the Government will act with steadfastness, determination and energy, because much more than the survival of a Government is at stake in this election process; what is at stake is the very survival of the nation as a free, independent and sovereign State, forged under the leadership of our founding fathers, brought to maturity through the efforts of many generations of Panamanian patriots and sustained by the blood of our martyrs.