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Thirty-ninth year

Letter dated 21 May 1984 from the Permanent Representatives of  
Costa Rica and Nicaragua to the United Nations addressed to  
the Secretary-General

We have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the Joint Declaration signed by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica and Nicaragua in Panama City on 15 May 1984.

We consider that this agreement is an extraordinarily important step which serves to confirm both Governments' desire for peace and is a worthy outcome of the diplomatic efforts being made at the regional level by the Contadora Group, to whose Governments we wish to express our profound gratitude.

We should like to request you to have this note and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 25 and 124 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Joint Declaration

The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica and Nicaragua, meeting in Panama City, Republic of Panama, on 15 May 1984, in the presence of the Deputy Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Contadora Group and in accordance with the political will of their respective Governments to make the necessary efforts to bring an end to the tension and incidents in the frontier zone and to promote a climate of confidence between the two countries, have decided to set up a commission for supervision and prevention, which shall have the following features:

- (1) The Commission shall consist of a representative and an alternate, both at a high level, from Costa Rica and Nicaragua and a representative from each of the countries of the Contadora Group; the latter representatives will be actively involved in mediation and may be appointed from among the members of their diplomatic missions, two in San José and two in Managua;
- (2) The principal function of the Commission shall be on-site inspection and the verification of facts that might give rise to tension or frontier incidents;
- (3) Both States undertake to adopt the necessary measures to correct situations giving rise to an investigation, in accordance with the preceding paragraph;
- (4) The Commission shall be prepared to proceed to any place situated in the territory of each of the two States;
- (5) Costa Rica and Nicaragua undertake to set up, for the benefit of the Commission, the system of direct telephone and radio communication recommended at the meeting of the Joint Commission in July 1982;
- (6) Both States shall provide the Commission with full travel facilities and the necessary protection to enable it properly to perform its duties and to recommend measures to be taken by both States.

Costa Rica, Nicaragua and the countries of the Contadora Group shall appoint their representatives early enough to enable the Commission for Supervision and Prevention to install itself in the frontier post of Peñas Blancas on Saturday, 26 May 1984.

The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua and Costa Rica reaffirmed their confidence in the efforts of the Contadora Group and the need to promote a direct dialogue between the two States. They also acknowledged the valuable work that can be accomplished through means of communication and exchange with a view to promoting and furthering friendly relations, co-operation and understanding between the two brotherly nations.

Panama, 15 May 1984

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