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REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ITEM IN THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA
OF THE THIRTY-FIRST SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMPHICTYONIC
CONGRESS OF PANAMA

Letter dated 16 July 1976 from the Chargé d'Affaires of the Permanent
Mission of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations addressed to
the Secretary-General

I have the honour, on behalf of the countries members of the Latin American Group, of which this Mission is Chairman for the month of July, and in accordance with rule 13 of the rules of procedure, to request the inclusion in the agenda of the thirty-first session of the General Assembly of an item entitled "One hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Amphictyonic Congress of Panama".

In accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure, an explanatory memorandum is annexed to this request.

(Signed) Ana Esther de la MAZA
Ambassador,
Alternate Permanent Representative

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Explanatory memorandum

1. The idea of the Amphictyonic Congress of Panama, which met on 22 June 1826, was born of the universalist thinking of Simón Bolívar, the Liberator, and his vision of a united, strong America, unified not only in order to solve internal problems but also in order to confront dangers from external sources.
2. Simón Bolívar summoned all the Latin American countries to the Panama meeting, and at that meeting the Treaty of Union, League and Perpetual Confederation - one of the documents in which the international thinking of the Liberator is expressed - was signed.
3. Bolívar hoped for universal equilibrium and a federation of all peoples with its capital perhaps in Panama "... in centuries to come there may be only one nation covering the universe: the federal nation ...".
4. In commemorating the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Panama meeting, the Latin American Group wants to pay a tribute to Simón Bolívar, the Liberator, and to recall his universalist ideas, which are embodied by our world Organization - not only the very concept of a forum of this nature but the principles which he so frequently repeated and on which the Purposes enunciated in the United Nations Charter are based: sovereign equality of States, peaceful settlement of disputes which endanger the maintenance of international peace and security, respect for the dignity and worth of the human person.
5. The Latin American Group will at a later date transmit the documents necessary for the consideration of the item and the relevant draft resolution.
