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LETTER DATED 24 AUGUST 1989 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVES OF ARGENTINA,  
BRAZIL, COLOMBIA, MEXICO, PERU, URUGUAY AND VENEZUELA ADDRESSED  
TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

We have the honour to transmit to you the text of the Declaration of the Member Countries of the Permanent Mechanism for Consultation and Concerted Political Action dated 21 August 1989, on the situation that has arisen in the Republic of Panama.

We should be grateful if you would have this letter and the text of the Declaration circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Declaration of the Countries Members of the Permanent  
Mechanism for Consultation and Concerted Political  
Action, dated 21 August 1989, on the situation that  
has arisen in the Republic of Panama

The Member Countries of the Permanent Mechanism for Consultation and Concerted Political Action, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela, in view of recent events which have occurred in Panama in connection with the negotiations being conducted by the mission set up at the Consultative Meeting of the Organization of American States (OAS) deem it necessary to state the following:

1. They reaffirm the need to safeguard democratic principles and free exercise of sovereignty and self-determination of the Panamanian people in the solution of the Panamanian crisis.
2. They reiterate that the way that has been chosen is the only proper way to solve this crisis by fostering compromise formulae between Panamanians and that it is the alternative to unilateral measures which, were they to be adopted, would cause serious damage to coexistence in the hemisphere.
3. In this context, they strongly urge participants in the dialogue to do their utmost, with the support which they themselves have requested from the OAS mission, to reach realistic and viable solutions by means of procedures that take into account the time-limits which the Constitution of Panama establishes for the transfer of power.
4. They express their gratitude to the OAS mission for the valuable negotiations it has conducted in fulfilment of the mandate originally given to it and express their firm support to the mission at this stage in its efforts, and they also express the hope that a report reflecting the positive results required by a solution to the crisis will be available at the Consultative Meeting which is scheduled for 23 August.

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