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OF PERU TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to enclose the communiqué issued by the Government of Peru,
and to request that you be so kind as to have it circulated as a document of the
Security Council.

(Signed) Ricardo V. LUNA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Peru
to the United Nations

Annex

Communiqué

1. The Government of Peru expresses its strong condemnation of the invasion of Panama by United States military forces. This action insults Latin America, violates the principles of the United Nations and the Organization of American States, reproduces the most grotesque practices of imperialism and causes serious harm to relations between the United States and Latin America.
2. Peru was among the first countries to condemn the dictatorial Noriega régime and to support the leaders of the Panamanian democratic opposition, but it does not recognize any right of the United States to impose new authorities backed by the weapons of its invading army.
3. Peru denounces the imperialist action carried out in Panama under the pretext of restoring democracy as having the undisguisable object of invalidating the Canal Treaties of 1977 by installing a tractable Government which will permit the maintenance of military bases in Panama in order to direct from them, as in the present case, a permanent threat against the continent.
4. The Government has recalled the Peruvian Ambassador accredited in Washington to remain in Lima until the invading troops are withdrawn from Panamanian territory, and expresses its solidarity with the people of Panama on whose sovereign will the solution of their problems is solely dependent.
5. The Peruvian Government regrets that under these circumstances any consultation or summit meeting, such as that scheduled to deal with the subject of drugs, which includes the State that has committed aggression against Latin America must necessarily be postponed.

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the Republic

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