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Cuba and Nicaragua: draft resolution

Effects of the military intervention by the United States of America
in Panama on the situation in Central America

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the statements made in the Security Council regarding the invasion of Panama,

Reaffirming the sovereign and inalienable right of Panama to determine freely its social, economic and political system and to develop its international relations without any form of foreign intervention, interference, subversion, coercion or threat,

Reaffirming also the right of the Panamanian people to its free determination and to elect freely its institutions,

Recalling that, in conformity with Article 2, paragraph 4, of the Charter of the United Nations, all Member States are obliged to refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations,

Expressing its deep concern for the serious consequences that the armed intervention by the United States of America in Panama could have for peace and security in the Central American region and, in particular, for efforts geared at achieving a political solution to the situation in Central America,

1. Strongly deplores the military intervention by the United States of America in Panama, which constitutes a flagrant violation of international law and of the principle enshrining the respect for the independence, national sovereignty and territorial integrity of States;
2. Expresses its deep concern at the fact that the intervention in Panama of the armed forces of the United States of America and the massive presence of foreign troops in the region endangers peace and security in Central America and can negatively affect the peace process in that region;
3. Demands the immediate and unconditional cessation of the intervention and the withdrawal of the United States armed forces from Panama, as well as the strict compliance with the Torrijos-Carter Treaties;
4. Calls upon all States to uphold and respect the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Panama;
5. Expresses the need to comply with the obligations assumed by States in the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961 1/ and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 1963; 2/
6. Requests the Secretary-General to exercise his good offices in order to put a stop to the military intervention by the United States of America in Panama and for the immediate withdrawal of their forces from Panamanian soil;
7. Also requests the Secretary-General to monitor developments in Panama and to report thereon to the General Assembly within a twenty-four hour period after the adoption of the present resolution;
8. Decides to keep under review the situation created by the military intervention by the United States of America in Panama, including its effects on the situation in Central America.

1/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 500, No. 7310.

2/ Ibid., vol. 596, No. 8638.

