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LETTER DATED 13 MAY 1985 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF HONDURAS TO
THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the note of protest sent on 10 May of this year by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras, Dr. Edgardo Paz Barnica, to the Foreign Minister of Nicaragua, Mr. Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann, which reads as follows:

"Tegucigalpa, D.C., 10 May 1985. His Excellency Mr. Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann, Foreign Minister, Managua, Nicaragua.
Sir: I am writing to refer to the grave acts of aggression which the Army of the Government of Nicaragua has been committing, causing serious harm to the Honduran population living in the area along the eastern border between the two countries. Yesterday I received a visit in my office from the Deputy Foreign Minister of Nicaragua, Dr. José León Talavera. At that time, in the context of a conversation on regional and bilateral issues, I informed him, on behalf of the Government of Honduras, so that he could transmit our views to Your Excellency's Government, that the moderate stand taken by my Government in response to events such as those described above should not be construed as a sign of weakness since the Honduran Government and Armed Forces were firmly resolved to repel acts of aggression by every possible means and would do so in exercise of the right of self-defence provided for in international law. At 11 a.m. today, at Arenales, in the area referred to above, four Hondurans were injured and one killed as a result of attacks carried out with heavy weapons of the Nicaraguan Army. The five individuals were assigned to a frontier lookout post in Honduran territory. The dead man was a soldier and the wounded men were three soldiers and a non-commissioned officer of the Honduran Armed Forces. In addition to that criminal act, mention should be made of the destruction caused in various places in our country and the massive displacement of the Honduran population which has been the victim of the actions to which I have referred above. The Government of Honduras expresses its most vigorous protest against these acts of aggression and reaffirms its unswerving determination to defend our country's territorial integrity and national sovereignty. You must understand, Sir, that actions such as those cited above, set in motion by the Nicaraguan Government, aggravate the regional crisis in Central America, undermine the good intentions which sustain the peace-making effort of the Contadora Group, and

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tend to foster a generalized military conflict which the people and Government of Honduras do not want, since they firmly believe that the various conflicts must be settled through the peaceful and civilized means provided for in international law. I take this opportunity to convey to you, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration. (Signed) Edgardo Paz Barnica, Minister for Foreign Affairs."

I should be grateful if you would have this text, the contents of which have already been brought to the attention of the Organization of American States, circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) H. Roberto HERRERA CACERES
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
