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Letter dated 6 June 1985 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Nicaragua to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General*

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the note dated 3 June 1985 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua, His Excellency Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann, addressed to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras, His Excellency Dr. Edgardo Paz Barnica.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the note to be circulated as a document of the thirty-ninth session of the General Assembly under agenda item 25.

(<u>Signed</u>) Julio ICAZA GALLARD Chargé d'affaires a.i.

^{*} Previously circulated as document S/17425.

ANNEX

Letter dated 3 June 1985 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua addressed to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras

I am writing to inform you that, between 11 a.m. and 12 noon today, three military-type helicopters of undetermined registration, coming from Honduran territory, penetrated Nicaraguan airspace in the Arenales sector and attacked the observation post of the Sandinist People's Army in that sector.

In response to the aggression, anti-aircraft units of our armed forces repelled the attack, forcing the helicopters to return to the airspace of Honduras.

The Government of Nicaragua submits, through me, its formal and strong protest to the Government of Honduras, while noting that this attack coincides with the situation created at the frontier with Costa Rica by the mercenary forces operating from that neighbouring territory against Nicaragua.

The Government of Nicaragua reiterates its appeal to the distinguished Government of Honduras to ensure the cessation of these acts of provocation and not to permit the continuation of actions such as those described. In addition, Nicaragua confirms its willingness to find a solution through bilateral dialogue to the situation created by the presence of mercenary groups in Honduran territory.

I take this opportunity to convey to Your Excellency the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Miguel D'ESCOTO BROCKMANN Minister for Foreign Affairs