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Letter dated 20 May 1985 from the Permanent Representative
of Panama to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the information bulletin issued at the end of the meeting of Plenipotentiary Representatives of the Central American countries and the Contadora Group held in Panama City on 14, 15 and 16 May 1985.

I would request you to have this letter and the annex thereto circulated as a document of the General Assembly under items 21, 72, 84, 132 and 133 of the preliminary list of the fortieth session, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Aquilino E. BOYD
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Information bulletin issued on 16 May 1985

In accordance with the notice of convocation issued by the Contadora Group, a further meeting of Plenipotentiary Representatives of the Central American countries and the Group was held in Panama City on 14, 15 and 16 May 1985.

At this meeting, on the basis of the progress made during the meeting of 11 and 12 April, the discussion of the agenda was completed through consideration of all the working documents previously submitted by the Contadora Group with a view to achieving balanced solutions to the different issues dealt with in the negotiations.

The items relating to commitments with regard to the cessation of the arms race, to the foreign military presence, to the traffic in arms, to the action to be taken in respect of irregular forces, to direct communications systems and to joint security commissions were discussed, as well as some aspects relating to political commitments in the field of détente and national reconciliation and matters relating to the field of economic and social commitments, including the participation of the Committee for Action in Support of the Economic and Social Development in Central America (CADESCA) and the question of displaced persons.

The Contadora Group also submitted new formulae in respect of those items still not resolved at previous sessions, relating among other things to the cessation of the arms race and the foreign military presence, as well as draft additional protocols, the purpose of which is to ensure that the members of the international community respect and support the commitments entered into by the Central American Governments in the Contadora Act on Peace and Co-operation in Central America.

The meeting took into account the various factors which have recently contributed to the aggravation of the situation in the region, the statements by the Central American Governments, including the Declaration of San Salvador of 7 May 1985, and the relevant resolutions of the United Nations Security Council and the Latin American Council of SELA, of 10 and 14 May respectively.

The work of the meeting was encouraged by the expressions of support on the part of the international community for the negotiations of the Contadora Group, as well as by the appeal to the Central American Governments to complete in the near future the negotiations under the Contadora Act, and to the countries with links and interests in the region to make positive contributions which would facilitate the successful completion of those peace negotiations. These positions once again recognize the Contadora Group as the appropriate forum for dealing with the Central American crisis.

In the light of the stages completed since January 1985, the Contadora Group, in consultation with the Central American Governments, will shortly decide on the steps which, during the second half of June, will make it possible to advance towards the conclusion of the negotiating process.

The participants expressed their thanks to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Panama, Dr. Jorge Abadía Arias, who inspired the work of the meeting by his presence. In his opening message, the Panamanian Foreign Minister stressed, among other aspects, the historical responsibility of the Central American rulers in the current political situation, in which international peace and security are threatened as a result of the crisis in the region.
