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Letter dated 20 May 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 to you the text of the note verbale dated 17 May 1985 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua addressed to the Embassy of the United States of America in Managua.

My Government considers it extremely urgent to resume the bilateral dialogue which had been taking place with the Government of the United States in Manzanillo, Mexico, and was unilaterally broken off by the United States, in order to lay the foundations for a normalization of relations between our two Governments and in this way contribute to the efforts being made by the Contadora Group. My Government also wishes to reiterate to you its readiness to implement resolution 562 recently adopted by the Security Council, particularly in respect of paragraph 4, which calls on the United States and Nicaragua to resume that dialogue. To this end, we have officially proposed to the United States in the annexed note the first half of June as the date for the resumption of these talks.

I should be grateful if you would take the necessary steps for the publication of the present note and its annex as official documents of the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session, under agenda item 25, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Julio ICAZA GALLARD  
Ambassador  
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

ANNEX

Text of the note verbale dated 17 May 1985 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua addressed to the Embassy of the United States of America in Managua

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States and has the honour to refer to the need to resume the bilateral talks in Manzanillo, which were unilaterally broken off by the Government of the United States.

In support of this position, the Government of Nicaragua recalls Security Council resolution 562 of 10 May 1985, which in paragraph 4 "Calls on the Governments of the United States of America and Nicaragua to renew the dialogue they had been holding in Manzanillo (Mexico) toward reaching accords favourable for normalizing their relations and regional détente".

The Government of Nicaragua, in a demonstration of its will for peace, has repeatedly advocated the need to resume the direct dialogue with the United States in order to continue laying the foundations which will enable us to normalize relations between our two States within a framework of mutual respect and strict respect for international law. Nicaragua considers that such an understanding will advance the peace efforts being made by the Contadora Group and facilitate the establishment of a lasting peace in the Central American region.

It should be pointed out that Nicaragua's willingness to engage in a dialogue with the Government of the United States is backed by the Contadora Group, which in its Declaration of 9 January 1985 called on "the Governments of the United States and Nicaragua to intensify the talks which they have been holding in Manzanillo, with a view to reaching agreements that will promote the normalization of their relations and regional détente".

The recent debates in the Security Council of the United Nations have likewise made apparent the unanimous backing of the international community for the resumption of the dialogue in Manzanillo. This same support has been expressed directly by, among others, the Presidents of France and Spain.

In fulfilment of the mandate contained in Security Council resolution 562, the Government of Nicaragua officially proposes to the Government of the United States that the talks should reopen during the first half of June 1985. The Government of Nicaragua hopes that this proposal by Nicaragua will find a favourable reception and that it will be possible to move ahead, on a firm foundation, with the normalization of bilateral relations and, through this means, to advance the search for the peace which the peoples of Central America, with every justification, long for and cry out for.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs takes this opportunity to convey to the Embassy of the United States the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

