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Letter dated 27 February 1990 from the Permanent Representative of  
Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement issued on 27 February 1990 by a spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan on the elections held recently in Nicaragua (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have this text circulated as an official document of the forty-fourth session of the General Assembly under agenda item 34.

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ANNEX

Statement issued on 27 February 1990 by a spokesman for the  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan on the elections held  
recently in Nicaragua

1. The Government of Japan welcomes the announcement by the United Nations Observer Mission to verify the electoral process in Nicaragua (ONUVEN) that free and fair elections have been held in Nicaragua. It greatly appreciates the efforts to this end of the Government and people of Nicaragua and also the important activities of ONUVEN and other international organizations and groups that engaged in observing and monitoring the elections.

2. Recognizing that the Nicaraguan elections were an important step towards the achievement of peace in Central America and consistent with its positive support for the peace-keeping activities of the United Nations, the Government of Japan extended co-operation to ONUVEN in the form of election observers and financial co-operation. It is convinced that this assistance, which was extended under Japan's programme of Co-operation for Peace, has duly contributed to the implementation of free and fair elections and it will continue to support United Nations peace efforts in Central America in the future.

3. The Government of Japan strongly hopes that all Nicaraguan nationals will accept the results of the recent elections, which reflect the freely and fairly expressed will of the people; that no time will be lost in achieving a national reconciliation; and that, building on the results of the elections, the new Government will make the utmost effort to promote democratization and raise the standard of living of the people of Nicaragua.

4. It is extremely important that all countries concerned, including those of Central America, respect the results of the elections and continue their efforts to achieve peace in Central America. It is likewise important that the entire international community join the work of rehabilitating the economies of Nicaragua and other countries of the region and resolving the refugee problems they face. The Government of Japan is determined to make the greatest possible contribution to this effort.

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