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Letter dated 26 March 1990 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.
of Honduras to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you of the "Toncontín Agreement", which was concluded between representatives of the President Elect of Nicaragua, Mrs. Violeta Barrios de Chamorro, and the Nicaraguan resistance on 23 March 1990 at Tegucigalpa and which contains the terms of the process of the general demobilization of the resistance.

These talks took place with the participation of His Eminence, the Most Reverend Cardinal Miguel Obando y Bravo.

I request you to have this note and its annex circulated as an official document of the forty-fourth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 34, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Javier SUAZO TOME
Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Annex

TONCONTIN AGREEMENT

The Negotiating Committee of the Nicaraguan resistance recognizes that the election of authorities on 25 February in Nicaragua, being held amid freedom, fairness and efficiency, permitted the triumph of the will of the Nicaraguan people to establish a process of democratization, in the victorious formula Barrios de Chamorro-Godoy Reyes, the candidates of the Unión Nacional Opositora. Such a transcendental occurrence in our history allows us to state emphatically that we have decided to initiate the process of the general demobilization of our forces, beginning with the disarming of those still remaining in the Republic of Honduras by 20 April 1990 at the latest. To this end, we now request the co-operation and assistance of international bodies, such as ONUCA and CIAV, and His Eminence the Most Reverend Cardinal Miguel Obando y Bravo. The internal military confrontations in Nicaragua must cease simultaneously, and to that end the following steps must be taken:

First, an effective cease-fire by both parties, verifiable by international bodies (ONUCA, CIAV) and His Eminence the Most Reverend Cardinal Miguel Obando y Bravo.

Second, concentration of our armed forces currently in Nicaragua in security zones delimited in advance in Nicaraguan territory and supervised by the above-mentioned international bodies, as well as by His Eminence the Most Reverend Cardinal Miguel Obando y Bravo, so that the process of demobilization may be carried out in an atmosphere of security and order that guarantee the life of our brothers and the normal conduct of their peaceful work.

In turn, the delegation representing the President Elect, Mrs. Violeta Barrios de Chamorro, states the following:

First. It has noted with great satisfaction the decision of the Nicaraguan resistance to initiate the process of demobilization as from this date.

Second. As an expression of just recognition of the patriotic work of the Nicaraguan resistance, it is necessary to assist the injured orphans and widows, the innocent victims of the armed struggle. To that end it undertakes to take measures to ensure the rehabilitation and social reintegration of those affected as soon as Mrs. Violeta Barrios de Chamorro assumes office. They will also be entitled to the corresponding monthly pensions.

Third. That, for the purpose of implementing all that is agreed on, there shall be appointed a special transition committee, composed of members of the new Government and of the Nicaraguan resistance, whose names will be announced shortly.

Fourth. The new Government to be headed by Mrs. Violeta Barrios de Chamorro undertakes to arrange with appropriate Governments humanitarian assistance for the members of the Nicaraguan resistance, as well as the medical infrastructure for the necessary care of conflict victims over the duration of the demobilization.

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For his part, His Eminence the Most Reverend Cardinal Miguel Obando y Bravo expresses his satisfaction at the patriotic decisions taken and joins with the signatories in offering thanks to the Lord for his assistance in enlightening the participating parties.

Tegucigalpa, Honduras, 23 March 1990

(Signed) Antonio LACAYO

(Signed) Emilio ALVAREZ MONTALVAN

(Signed) Commander "RUBEN"

(Signed) Miguel OBANDO BRAVO

Representatives of the
President Elect of Nicaragua,
Mrs. Violeta Barrios de Chamorro

Representative of the Negotiating
Committee of the Nicaraguan Resistance

His Eminence the Most Reverend Cardinal
