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ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to refer to the mandate of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America (ONUCA).

As I reported to the members of the Security Council in informal consultations this afternoon, a series of agreements were signed in Managua earlier today by the Government of Nicaragua, representatives of the President-Elect, representatives of the Northern, Central and Atlantic Fronts of the Nicaraguan resistance and the Archbishop of Managua, Cardinal Obando y Bravo, relating to the voluntary demobilization of the members of the Nicaraguan resistance.

As a consequence of these agreements, the parties have requested that ONUCA should monitor both a cease-fire which came into effect at 12 noon local time today and the separation of forces which will result from the withdrawal of the Nicaraguan Government's forces from the security zones which are to be established in Nicaragua to facilitate the demobilization of the members of the Nicaraguan resistance.

These tasks would constitute an addition to the mandate of ONUCA and therefore require the approval of the Security Council. As I indicated this afternoon, I believe that the agreements signed today in Managua constitute an important step forward in the Central American peace process. I accordingly recommend that the Council approve the necessary enlargement of ONUCA's mandate.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Javier PEREZ de CUELLAR
