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AND SECURITY AND PEACE  
INITIATIVES

Letter dated 21 May 1990 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the  
Permanent Mission of Honduras to the United Nations addressed  
to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith press communiqué No. 023-90, issued by the Honduran Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 16 May 1990, for circulation both nationally and internationally, for information (see annex).

I request you to have this note and the annex hereto 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  
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

ANNEX

Press communiqué issued at Tegucigalpa on 16 May 1990  
by the Honduran Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Press communiqué No. 023-90. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs informs the Honduran public and the public around the world of the following:

1. It is the Constitutional Government's firm and clear position that it will tolerate neither the presence of irregular forces on Honduran territory nor the use of Honduran territory for actions constituting a violation of Honduran sovereignty and of the international obligations of Honduras. The Nicaraguan resistance or counter-revolutionary forces have left Honduran territory, and the former contra combatants and their families in Honduras, who remain disarmed, have been regrouped in transit camps under the control of the International Support and Verification Commission/Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (CIAV/UNHCR) and of Honduran civilian and military authorities. The Nicaraguan citizens in question will be repatriated to Nicaragua as soon as possible, in accordance with the series of agreements and accords signed by the Central American Presidents and the parties directly concerned.
2. On 12 May groups of Nicaraguans comprising an approximate total of 500 individuals arrived at the Trojes migration posts and were transferred, without any weapons whatsoever, to the above-mentioned transit camps for subsequent repatriation to Nicaragua. The individuals in question are apparently former contras who decided not to proceed to the security zones set up in Nicaragua by the Nicaraguan Government.
3. It is the Honduran Government's policy not to grant either asylum or refugee status to such groups of Nicaraguans. Of course, it is also government policy that such individuals should not carry weapons and that they should not pass through Honduran territory. The policy is simply to admit them to transit camps, for humanitarian reasons.

If, unfortunately, very great numbers of Nicaraguans or, as the case may be, Salvadorians arrive at the frontiers of Honduras in the future, owing to confrontations or armed conflicts in Nicaragua or El Salvador, the Honduran Government will take the necessary domestic or international action to ensure that such groups remain in their country of origin, under what may be regarded as adequate protection.

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