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Letter dated 9 October 1985 from the Permanent Representative
of Nicaragua to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you the text of the protest note which His Excellency Mr. Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua sent on 7 October 1985 to His Excellency Mr. Carlos José Gutiérrez, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship of Costa Rica. Copies of this note have also been transmitted to the Contadora Group and to the countries which support the Group.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this note to be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 21, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Javier CHAMORRO MORA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Nicaragua
to the United Nations

ANNEX

Protest note dated 7 October 1985 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs
of Nicaragua addressed to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship
of Costa Rica

I have the honour to report to you the following serious facts:

Between 10.15 a.m. and 11.15 a.m. today, 7 October 1985, in the San Carlos sector, 2 km east of La Penca, a group of mercenaries launched an attack from Costa Rican territory on a border post of the Sandinist People's Army, using a variety of guns, as well as mortars and 57 mm cannon.

I wish to point out that the introduction and use of this latter type of weapon represents a qualitative escalation in the aggression suffered by my country, which coincides with the disbursement of the misnamed "humanitarian assistance" provided by the United States Government to the forces which are operating under its command and are quartered in Costa Rican territory.

I should also like to alert you to the dangerous movement of mercenary forces numbering approximately 250 armed men in the "El Papatocuaro" sector and of a further group of 200 armed men in the Pocosol sector, both of them in Costa Rican territory.

The Government of Nicaragua, through me, urges the Costa Rican authorities and the Governments of the Contadora Group to take immediate steps, in view of the dangers of the above facts, to prevent and deter further acts of aggression against the people and territory of Nicaragua, acts which obviously obstruct the negotiations currently going on in Panama and which, if they were to continue to go unpunished, would seriously undermine the credibility of the much advertised peace-loving attitude and neutrality of the distinguished Government of Costa Rica.

Miguel D'ESCOTO BROCKMANN
Minister for Foreign Affairs

