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Letter dated 6 March 1984 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of Panama to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the communiqué issued at the conclusion of the meeting of the Foreign Ministers of Colombia, Mexico, Panama and Venezuela, members of the Contadora Group, held at Panama City on 27 and 28 February 1984.

I would request you to have this communiqué circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under items 25, 68, 80, 124 and 125 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Leonardo KAM
Ambassador
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ANNEX

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On 27 and 28 February 1984, the Foreign Ministers of Colombia, Mexico, Panama and Venezuela, members of the Contadora Group, met at Panama City in the Republic of Panama. Participating in the deliberations for the first time was Dr. Isidro Morales Paul, the new Minister for Foreign Affairs of Venezuela, who was warmly welcomed by his colleagues.

The four Foreign Ministers were received by the President of the Republic of Panama, Mr. Jorge Illueca, who reaffirmed his Government's enthusiastic support for the peace efforts and referred to his own personal association with the Contadora process from its very beginnings.

The Ministers carefully reviewed the situation in Central America, reaffirmed their adherence to the principles which guided the Contadora initiative and expressed their resolve to persevere in the search for a stable and lasting peace throughout the region. They recognized, however, that, if that objective was to be attained, the provisions of the document on "Measures to be taken", agreed upon on 9 January 1984, had to be scrupulously carried out. In that connection, the Technical Group, in fulfilment of the co-ordinating role expressly assigned to it by the Fifth Joint Meeting of Foreign Ministers, submitted to the Ministers within the prescribed time-limit a detailed report on the work carried out since 31 January, with the active participation of the five Central American countries and the four Contadora countries, by the specialized commissions on security issues, political matters, and economic and social questions.

In the same context, they noted with interest the advances made with respect to elections in various countries of the area and highlighted the importance of making use of democratic processes as a means of bringing about domestic reconciliation in the various countries and détente in the region.

They emphasized the growing international co-operation in tackling the serious social and economic problems which were at the root of the crisis in Central America and, in particular, they considered the proposals made toward that end by the International Labour Organisation (ILO), the Action Committee for the Support of Economic and Social Development in Central America (CADESCA) and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO).

The Foreign Ministers expressed their satisfaction at the convening of the first meeting of CADESCA, scheduled to be held from 1 to 6 March 1984 in Mexico City, and wished it success in its deliberations, expressing the view that that body was a necessary instrument for the co-ordination of economic and social co-operation in the Central American area.

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The Ministers agreed that the Technical Group's next meetings with the Working Commissions should take place during the weeks of 19 to 25 March and 23 to 29 April. They also confirmed 30 April as the date for the Sixth Joint Meeting between the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Central American countries and the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Contadora Group.

The Ministers of Colombia, Mexico and Venezuela expressed their gratitude to the Government and people of Panama for the cordial hospitality which they had once again shown to them.

Panama City, 28 February 1984.
