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Letter dated 28 August 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 information bulletin issued at the conclusion of the meeting between the deputy Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Contadora Group and the Deputy Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica, El Salvador and Nicaragua, and the representatives of Guatemala and Honduras, held at Panama City from 24 to 28 August 1984.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under items 25, 68, 80, 124 and 125 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Information bulletin

On the initiative of the Contadora Group, the Deputy Ministers of Colombia, Mexico, Panama and Venezuela met with their counterparts from Costa Rica, El Salvador and Nicaragua, and representatives of Guatemala and Honduras, at Panama City from 24 to 28 August. The primary purpose of the meeting was to ascertain the views of the Central American Governments on the "Act on Peace and Co-operation in Central America" transmitted to the Heads of State on 9 and 10 June 1984. As will be recalled, that document is an international legal instrument drawn up by the Contadora Group as part of the diplomatic negotiation process which their Governments are promoting and is based, in particular, on proposals put forward by the Central American Governments in the Working Commissions on political affairs, security issues and economic and social questions, which met between January and April of this year.

During the working sessions the participants reviewed in detail the observations and suggestions of the Central American countries on the text of the Act as a means for promoting peacemaking and co-operation in Central America.

The consultation process helped to identify with greater precision the differences which remained, primarily in the political sphere and with regard to arms control. The participants discussed issues of the highest importance relating to the legal scope of the proposed commitments to be entered into by the Governments of the area, procedures for verification and monitoring compliance with those commitments, and the identification of the steps that needed to be taken before the entry into force of the instrument.

The observations and suggestions made in the course of the meeting constitute important elements for bringing the diplomatic negotiation process to fruition and achieving peace in the Central American region, which will enable the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Contadora Group to identify the next stages in their efforts in behalf of peace and co-operation in the region.

Panama City, 28 August 1984.
