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Letter dated 15 April 1985 from the Permanent Representative of
Panama to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the information bulletin issued at the end of the high-level meeting of the plenipotentiaries of the countries of the Contadora Group and Central America held in Panama City on 11 and 12 April 1985.

I would request you to have this letter and the annex thereto circulated as a document of the General Assembly under items 21, 72, 84, 132 and 133 of the preliminary list of the fortieth session, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Aquilino E. BOYD
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Information bulletin

In accordance with the notice of convocation issued by the Contadora Group, as requested by the Central American Governments at the meeting held on 16 March in Brasilia and attended by their Ministers for Foreign Affairs and the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Contadora Group, a meeting of high-level representatives of their Governments, vested with full powers to assume commitments, was held on 11 and 12 April in Panama City.

According to the notice of convocation, the purpose of the meeting was to define the mechanisms for the execution and follow-up of the substantive norms envisaged in the Contadora Act on Peace and Co-operation in Central America, particularly those relating to verification and control with regard to security matters.

The proposed objectives were achieved in a satisfactory manner when the representatives of the Central American Governments, demonstrating the latter's political will, made progress with regard to the adoption of the commitments concerning execution and follow-up, defining their criteria and essential bases.

It should be noted that agreement was reached on the establishment of the following mechanisms proposed by the Contadora Group: (1) Ad Hoc Committee for Evaluation and Follow-up of Commitments concerning Political and Refugee Matters; (2) Verification and Control Commission for Security Matters; and (3) Ad Hoc Committee for Evaluation and Follow-up of Commitments concerning Economic and Social Matters.

The mechanisms which were the subject of the negotiations will guarantee the conditions of efficiency, independence and impartiality to which the negotiation process sponsored by the Contadora Group has always aspired. Similarly, it should be noted that these agreements reflect respect for the principles of non-intervention in the internal affairs of States, self-determination of peoples and peaceful settlement of disputes which have guided those peace efforts since they were initiated in January 1983.

The results achieved confirm that Contadora is the appropriate forum for dealing with the Central American situation and represent significant progress in the Contadora Act negotiations. This will make it possible to take up the pending issues with a renewed constructive spirit at the next meeting, which is to be held in the first half of May, on the basis of the approaches suggested by the Contadora Group with a view to their appropriate resolution.

Lastly, the participants thanked His Excellency the President of the Republic of Panama, Dr. Nicolás Ardito Barletta, and the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Dr. Fernando Carodoze Fábrega, who expressed to the participants their satisfaction at the constructive result of their efforts and reaffirmed the firm intention of Panama to continue promoting, together with Colombia, Mexico and Venezuela, the process of understanding among the Central American countries, within the framework of the principles and norms of international law.

Panama, 12 April 1985
