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AGENDA OF THE FORTY-SECOND SESSION

CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

Letter dated 14 August 1987 from the Permanent Representative of
Honduras to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to request, in accordance with rule 14 of the rules of procedure, the inclusion in the agenda of the forty-second session of the General Assembly of a supplementary item entitled "Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States".

An explanatory memorandum is enclosed herewith in accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure.

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Ambassador
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ANNEX

Explanatory memorandum

1. The United Nations Secretariat submits to the General Assembly on an annual basis various reports on co-operation between the Organization and other intergovernmental organizations.
2. At the forty-first session of the General Assembly, the following four items relating to co-operation were included:
 - (a) Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference;
 - (b) Co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States;
 - (c) Co-operation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee;
 - (d) Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity.
3. At that session, as at various previous sessions, the absence from the Assembly's agenda of a report on co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States stood out particularly in view of the fact that the Charter of the United Nations encourages activities involving regional co-operation for the promotion of its purposes and principles, and that it has been an objective of both organizations to co-operate as closely as possible in the common search for solutions to problems such as those of peace and security, disarmament, self-determination, decolonization, human rights and the establishment of a new international economic order.
4. A reflection of this co-operation was the recent initiative by the secretaries-general of the two organizations, in November 1986, with respect to the situation in Central America. The Organization of American States has contributed not only to the development of areas of co-operation, but also to the identification of priority areas in trade and technical co-operation between its member countries, thus participating actively in the attainment of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.
5. The inclusion in the agenda of the General Assembly of an item relating to co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States would undoubtedly constitute recognition of a form of collaboration that should be increased.
