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Letter dated 22 November 1985 from the Permanent Representative of
Panama to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you the text of the communiqué issued on 21 November 1985 by the Deputy Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Contadora Group at the conclusion of the last meeting of Plenipotentiaries of the Central American countries and the Contadora Group, held in Panama on 19, 20 and 21 November 1985.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under items 21, 72, 84, 131 and 132, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) David SAMUDIO, Jr.
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Communiqué issued on 21 November 1985 in Panama City by the
Deputy Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Contadora Group

At the conclusion of their working meetings with their Central American colleagues, the plenipotentiary representatives of the Contadora Group issue the following communiqué:

1. Today, 21 November 1985, marked the end of the 45-day period agreed on by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Central American countries and the Contadora Group at their meeting of 12 and 13 September 1985, to discuss exclusively the subjects still outstanding in the Contadora Act on Peace and Co-operation in Central America regarding military manoeuvres, control and reduction of armaments, and implementation and follow-up mechanisms with regard to security and political commitments, as well as operational questions, including the procedure for entry into force, the integration and functioning of implementation and follow-up mechanisms, budget and headquarters.

2. At the meetings held from 7 to 10 October and 17 to 19 October, the views and proposals of the five Central American Governments were heard. In the course of the present discussions from 19 to 21 November, the plenipotentiary representatives of the Contadora Group made new proposals to their Central American counterparts designed to reconcile the different positions with a view to making negotiation possible.

3. At this session, a solution was reached on matters concerning the implementation and follow-up mechanisms and the final provisions of the Act. New views put forward by the Contadora Group were also considered with regard to negotiation on military manoeuvres and the control and reduction of armaments.

4. The plenipotentiary representatives of the Contadora Group will submit a report to their Ministers for Foreign Affairs on the status of negotiations with a view to determining the course of diplomatic action and the process of regional pacification. They will also send them the request of the Central American Governments to continue negotiations within the Contadora framework in order to achieve a definitive agreement.

5. It should be emphasized that the continuation of this process and the achievement of negotiated solutions still require, in a clear and categorical way, the contribution of the Central American Governments who, by demonstrating their political will, will be able to undertake the commitments envisaged in the Act.

6. The plenipotentiary representatives of the Contadora Group once again express their appreciation to the Government of Panama for its hospitality, which was helpful in the conduct of their work.
