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LETTER DATED 9 JANUARY 1973 FROM THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF PANAMA ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to inform you, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Panama, that the latter has decided, on the basis of Article 28, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations, to propose that the Security Council should meet at Panama City, from 15 to 21 March 1973, to consider an agenda which would have as its general theme the "Consideration of measures for the strengthening of international peace and security and the promotion of international co-operation in Latin America, in accordance with the provisions and principles of the Charter and the resolutions relating to the right of self-determination of peoples and strict respect for the sovereignty and independence of States".

In the view of my Government, the importance and desirability of holding meetings of the Security Council at places other than New York was demonstrated at the memorable meeting in Addis Ababa. It is therefore to be hoped that, following so valuable a precedent, the presence of the representatives of the States members of the Security Council in Panama City, which was, significantly, in an earlier period of history, the seat of the congress convened by the Liberator, Simón Bolívar, in 1826 "to decide on the high interests of war and peace", will be a positive contribution to the search for solutions to the problems of Latin America, which are linked to the strengthening of international peace and security and the promotion of international co-operation.

The Government of the Republic of Panama, in extending its formal invitation, places at the disposal of the Security Council whatever technical facilities and services may be necessary to ensure the success of the meeting and offers to contribute appropriately to the costs arising therefrom.

The Republic of Panama wishes to inform the representatives of the States with which it shares the high responsibilities of the major world political organ that it would be most gratified if this invitation were accented, in the conviction that these meetings will produce positive results for the world, for Latin America and for Panama.

(Signed) Juan Antonio TACK
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