

EIGHTEENTH MEETING OF CONSULTATION OF
MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Washington, D.C., December 30, 1978

Convoked in accordance with Article 6 of the
Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Pursuant to resolution CP/RES. 261 (361/78), adopted by the Permanent Council on December 29, 1978, the Eighteenth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs was convoked in accordance with Article 6 of the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance.

On December 30, 1978, the Permanent Council, acting provisionally as Organ of Consultation, met and approved resolution CP/RES. 262 (362/78), which is included in this collection.

This was the only document produced in connection with the Meeting. The Eighteenth Meeting of Consultation itself never met, nor were there any other documents on the subject matter for which it was convoked.

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CP/RES. 261 (361/78)
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CP/RES. 261 (361/73)

CONVOCAION OF THE EIGHTEENTH MEETING OF CONSULTATION
OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

WHEREAS:

At its meeting on December 28, 1978, the Council took cognizance of the note from the interim Representative of Costa Rica, through which his government, invoking Article 28 of the Charter of the Organization of American States and Article 6 of the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance, requested that a Meeting of Consultation be convoked, with the urgency that the case warrants, as provided for in that Treaty, in order to take the necessary measures for the maintenance of the peace and security in the hemisphere (CP/doc.916/78);

The Delegation of Costa Rica stated that the facts brought before the Permanent Council "are based on statements made by the President of the Republic of Nicaragua at a press conference in Managua on December 27, 1978, which, together with other circumstances known to the Council, imply a serious threat to the peace of the Central American region and to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Costa Rica"; and

In turn, the Ambassador, Representative of Nicaragua expressed the points of view of his Government,

THE PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

RESOLVES:

1. To convoke the Organ of Consultation in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 of the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance, which shall meet on a date and at a place that shall be set in due course, to consider the situation that has been raised.
2. To constitute itself and act provisionally as Organ of Consultation in accordance with Article 12 of the aforementioned Treaty.
3. To inform the United Nations Security Council of the text of this resolution and of all activities related to this matter.

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CP/RES. 262 (362/73)

RESOLUTION ON THE SITUATION EXISTING BETWEEN
COSTA RICA AND NICARAGUA

WHEREAS:

At its meeting of December 28, 1978, the Council took cognizance of the note from the Acting Representative of Costa Rica (CP/doc.916/78) whereby his Government, invoking Article 28 of the Charter of the Organization of American States and Article 6 of the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance, urgently requested the Meeting of Consultation provided for in that Treaty, for the purpose of taking the measures necessary for maintenance of the peace and security of the hemisphere;

At the special meeting it held on December 29, 1978, the Permanent Council, through resolution CP/RES. 261 (361/78), resolved to convoke the Organ of Consultation pursuant to the provisions of Article 6 of the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance and to constitute itself and act provisionally as Organ of Consultation in accordance with Article 12 of that Treaty;

The Delegation of Costa Rica stated that the facts brought before the Permanent Council "are based on statement made by the President of Nicaragua at a press conference in Managua on December 27, 1978, which, together with other circumstances known to the Council, imply a serious threat to the peace of the Central American region and to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Costa Rica", and

In turn, the Ambassador, Representative of Nicaragua expressed his Government's views,

THE PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES, ACTING PROVISIONALLY AS ORGAN OF CONSULTATION,

RESOLVES:

1. To reaffirm the principle proscribing the threat and use of force in international relations, established in Article 1 of the Rio

Treaty, Article 21 of the Charter of the OAS, and Article 2, paragraph 4, of the Charter of the United Nations, constitutes the essence of peaceful and harmonious coexistence among the countries of the hemisphere, reaffirmed in the specific case of Costa Rica and Nicaragua through the Pact of Amity of February 21, 1949 and the Additional Agreement of January 9, 1956, which establish obligations of singular importance, to the benefit of both countries.

2. To request the Republic of Nicaragua to refrain from any threat, act of aggression, or use of armed force against the Republic of Costa Rica and to take the steps necessary to normalize commercial border traffic with Costa Rica and the passage of persons.

3. To urge the governments concerned to refrain from making statements or taking actions that violate the principles set forth in paragraph 1 of this resolution, or that tend to aggravate the existing tense situation.

4. To ask the Permanent Council to expedite the appointment of the Committee of Civilian Observers established through resolution CP/RES. 259 (356/78), so that it may travel as soon as possible to the border between Costa Rica and Nicaragua.