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OF  
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AFFAIRS

CONVOKED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 59, FIRST PART,  
OF THE CHARTER OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

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I. BACKGROUND

At the special meeting it held on January 28, 1981, the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States took cognizance of the note sent by the Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Ecuador, requesting the urgent convocation of the Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs (GP/doc.1147/81).

After hearing statements by the Ambassadors, Permanent Representatives of Ecuador and of Peru, and by other representatives as well, the Council adopted the following decision:

THE PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES,

At its special meeting of January 28, 1981, after hearing the statement by the Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Ecuador, pointing out events transpiring along the Ecuadorian-Peruvian border, and the clarifications given in this regard by the Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Peru, decided to express its concern by agreeing on the following:

1. To suggest to both governments that they consider the advisability of, and state their acceptance of, the establishment of a committee of inquiry to help ascertain the facts presented and to cooperate in finding a solution to the problem.

2. To urge that every possible effort be made to resolve, in a friendly and peaceful way, the situation brought before the Permanent Council.

On the afternoon of January 29, 1981, continuing the previous day's meeting, the Permanent Council was informed by the Representative of Peru that his Government did not consider the suggestion made by the Council to be pertinent, in view of the fact that it had already requested the intervention of the four guarantor countries of the Protocol of Peace, Friendship, and Borders between Peru and Ecuador, signed at Rio de Janeiro on January 29, 1942.

In view of the foregoing, the Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Ecuador reiterated his request for convocation of the Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, pursuant to the provisions of the

first part of Article 59 of the Charter of the Organization of American States. In response to this request, the Permanent Council decided to convoke the Nineteenth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, under the following terms:

CP/RES. 323 (450/81)

CONVOCAION OF A MEETING OF CONSULTATION  
OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

WHEREAS:

On January 28, 1981, the Ambassador, Representative of Ecuador, addressed a note to the Chairman of the Permanent Council whereby his Government asked that a Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs be convoked on an urgent basis;

On January 29, 1981, the Ambassador, Representative of Ecuador specified that his request was based on the provisions of the first part of Article 59 of the Charter of the Organization;

At the special meeting it held on January 28, 1981, the Permanent Council heard the statement of the Representative of Ecuador pointing out events transpiring along the border between Ecuador and Peru, as well as the clarifications given in this regard by the Representative of Peru;

At that same meeting, the Permanent Council urged both governments to make every possible effort to resolve, in a friendly and peaceful way, the situation brought before the Permanent Council;

At its special meeting held on January 29, 1981, the Permanent Council continued to examine the matter presented,

THE PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

RESOLVES:

1. To convoke, in accordance with the provisions of Article 59, first part, and Article 60 of the Charter of the Organization, a Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs on February 2, 1981, to consider the existing situation.

To designate the seat of the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States, in Washington, D.C. as the site of this Meeting.

To instruct the Secretary General to inform the governments of the member states of the OAS of this decision via the swiftest channel, and to call their attention to the provisions of Article 62 of the Charter of the Organization of American States.

2. To express its deep concern over the circumstances that have arisen, which disturb the friendship and solidarity of two sister nations, and in this regard to urge the governments to refrain from taking any action that could aggravate the present situation.

## II. PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING

Pursuant to the above resolution, the Nineteenth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs began on February 2, 1981, at the headquarters of the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States, in Washington, D.C.

The Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Special Delegates who attended are listed below in the order of precedence established by the lots drawn at the opening session:

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	Cecil C. Alleyne Special Delegate
PERU	Javier Arias Stella Minister of Foreign Affairs
PARAGUAY	Mario López Escobar Special Delegate
SURINAME	Ruwaldo E. Van Bochove Special Delegate
PANAMA	Jorge E. Illueca Minister of Foreign Affairs
NICARAGUA	Casimiro Sotelo Special Delegate
MEXICO	Rafael de la Colina Special Delegate
JAMAICA	Cecile R. Clayton Special Delegate
HONDURAS	César Elvir Sierra Minister of Foreign Affairs

HAITI	Serge E. Charles Special Delegate
GUATEMALA	Gustavo Santiso Gálvez Special Delegate
GRENADA	Dessima Williams Special Delegate
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	Gale W. McGee Special Delegate
EL SALVADOR	Ernesto Arrieta Peralta Special Delegate
ECUADOR	Alfonso Barrera Valverde Minister of Foreign Affairs
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	Emilio Ludovino Fernández Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs
CHILE	Pedro Daza Special Delegate
URUGUAY	Francisco Bustillo del Campo Special Delegate
VENEZUELA	José Alberto Zambrano Velasco Minister of Foreign Affairs
COSTA RICA	José Rafael Echeverría Special Delegate
COLOMBIA	Diego Uribe Vargas Minister of Foreign Affairs
BRAZIL	Alarico Silveira Junior Special Delegate
BOLIVIA	Alberto Quiroga García Special Delegate
BARBADOS	Charles A. T. Skeete Special Delegate
ARGENTINA	Raúl A. Quijano Special Delegate

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 8 of the Regulations of the Meeting, the Secretary General, Alejandro Orfila, installed the opening session.

In accordance with Article 10, the Secretary of the Permanent Council, Val T. McComie, was the Secretary General of the Meeting.

Also attending were the Permanent Observers of Canada and Guyana, as well as those of Spain, France, Israel, Italy, Japan, The Netherlands, the Arab Republic of Egypt, and the Holy See.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations also sent a representative to the Meeting, as an observer.

The preliminary session was held on the afternoon of February 2, 1981, at which agreements were reached on the officers of the Meeting, the designation of the Committee on Credentials and the Coordinating and Style Committee, and other matters pertaining to the Meeting.

The proceedings were governed by the Regulations of the Nineteenth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs adopted at the opening session, which was also held on the afternoon of February 2, 1981 (Doc.5/81 rev.1).

The Committee on Credentials was composed of the delegations of Costa Rica, Chile, and Grenada, and the Coordinating and Style Committee was composed of the delegations of Brazil (Portuguese), Colombia (Spanish), the United States (English), and Haiti (French).

His Excellency, Dr. Jorge Illueca, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Panama, was elected Permanent President of the Meeting at the opening session. His Excellency Dr. Emilio Ludovino Fernández, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of the Dominican Republic, was elected Vice President.

The following agenda for the Meeting (Doc.12/81) was approved at this session:

"Cessation of the military operations along the Peruvian-Ecuadorian border in the El Cóndor mountain range, which precipitated convocation of the Nineteenth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, and maintenance of peace."

Thereupon, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Ecuador and Peru gave their presentations on the topic that was the subject of the meeting, as recorded in the minutes of the session (Doc.10/81).

The first plenary session, was held the afternoon of February 3 (Doc.18/81), where the Meeting continued to examine the topic of the Meeting.

The first meeting of the General Committee (Doc.19/81), at which the President of the Meeting was elected as the Committee's Chairman and Mr. César Elvir Sierra, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Honduras, was elected as Rapporteur, was held immediately thereafter.

Following a recess, the meeting of the General Committee resumed on the afternoon of February 4. The Chairman proposed, and the Meeting so approved, the designation of Ambassador Diego Landa Celano, Special Delegate of Honduras, as Rapporteur of the Committee, in the absence of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of that country. At that same meeting, a draft resolution submitted by the delegations of Colombia and Venezuela, with amendments introduced by an informal working group (Doc.21/81) was considered. The Special Delegate of Brazil, Ambassador Alarico Silveira Junior, read a statement, which appears in the minutes of this meeting (Doc.23/81).

The second plenary session, (Doc.24/81), held the night of February 4, received the report of the Committee on Credentials (Doc.16/81), and the oral report by the Rapporteur of the General Committee. The draft resolution submitted by that Committee, the text of which follows, was approved.

CESSATION OF THE MILITARY OPERATIONS ALONG THE PERUVIAN-  
ECUADORIAN BORDER IN THE EL CONDOR MOUNTAIN RANGE,  
AND MAINTENANCE OF PEACE

THE NINETEENTH MEETING OF CONSULTATION OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS,

HAVING SEEN the agenda of this Meeting, entitled "Cessation of the military operations along the Peruvian-Ecuadorian border in the El Condor mountain range, which precipitated convocation of the Nineteenth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, and maintenance of peace";

CONSIDERING:

That at the request of Ecuador, the Permanent Council convoked the Nineteenth Meeting of Consultation with the urgency required, in accordance with resolution CP/RES. 323 (450/81) of January 29, 1981;

That the basic purpose of the Organization of American States is to strengthen the peace and security of the hemisphere;

That in that same resolution, the Permanent Council expressed "its deep concern over the circumstances that have arisen, which disturb the friendship and solidarity of two sister nations," and urged "the governments to refrain from taking any action that could aggravate the present situation"; and



That the information from the governments of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, and the United States announcing the cease-fire achieved through their negotiations with the governments of Ecuador and Peru was confirmed to this Meeting by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the two countries, with the clarifications they felt pertinent;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the statement by the Special Delegate of Brazil "on behalf of the Governments of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, and the United States on the work they are doing with the consent of Ecuador and Peru", and

HAVING HEARD the statements by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Ecuador and Peru on the events that transpired along the Ecuadorian-Peruvian border,

REAFFIRMS:

The principles and purposes set forth in the Charter of the Organization of American States to strengthen the peace and security of the hemisphere, and the need to maintain a lasting climate of understanding and friendship among the nations of the Americas;

STATES:

That the Organization of American States has the ineluctable obligation to safeguard the preservation, maintenance, and consolidation of peace in the hemisphere,

RESOLVES:

1. To note with regret that armed confrontations have taken place between member states of the Organization, disrupting the peace and security of the hemisphere.
2. To receive with satisfaction the announcement by the two governments of the cease-fire in the zone of the conflict, as confirmed to this Meeting by their Foreign Ministers.
3. To urge both countries to demobilize and disperse their forces and dismantle, as soon as possible, the military operations conducted as a result of the confrontations, restricting themselves to maintaining normal border-patrol troops.
4. To express its satisfaction with the solemn commitment made by both countries to this Meeting of Consultation, as a genuine representation of the peoples and governments of the Americas, to restore and consolidate the peace while refraining from any action that might endanger it, and to make every effort to overcome the present difficulties.

5. To take note that both countries have agreed to a visit by a Committee composed of representatives of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, and the United States, which is now under way, to monitor observance of the cease-fire, and to create conditions of peace between them; and to express its thanks for the work done by the countries mentioned.

6. To reiterate the vigilant presence of the Organization of American States to preserve and strengthen peace and contribute to understanding between the two countries.

7. To instruct the Permanent Council to remain informed of the actions that both governments take in compliance with the high purposes indicated herein.

Thereupon, the third plenary session (Doc.25/81) was held, where the Final Act of the Meeting was approved.

The closing session (Doc.26/81), was then held, where this Final Act was signed.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Members of the Nineteenth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs sign this Final Act at the seat of the Permanent Council of the Organization, Washington, D.C., in the four official languages of the Organization, on this fourth day of February, nineteen hundred eighty-one.

The Secretary General shall deposit the original of the Final Act in the archives of the General Secretariat in Washington, D.C., which shall send certified copies thereof to the governments of the member states of the Organization.

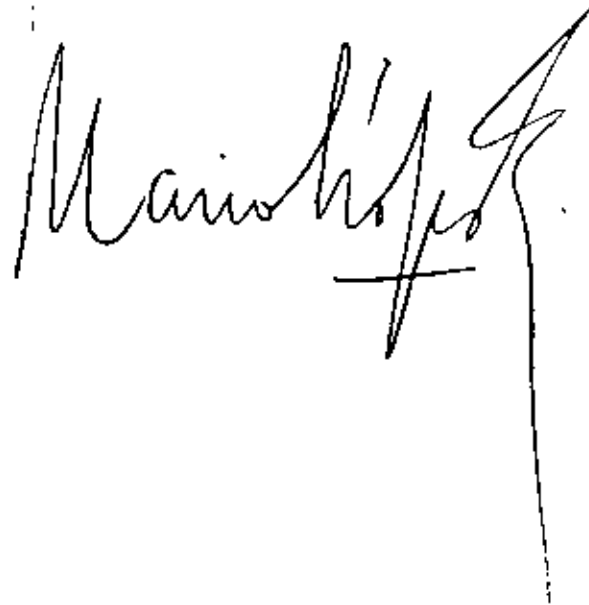
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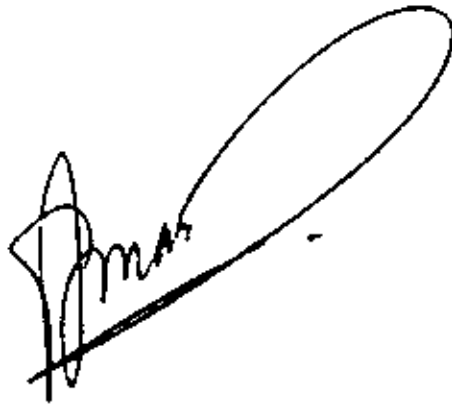
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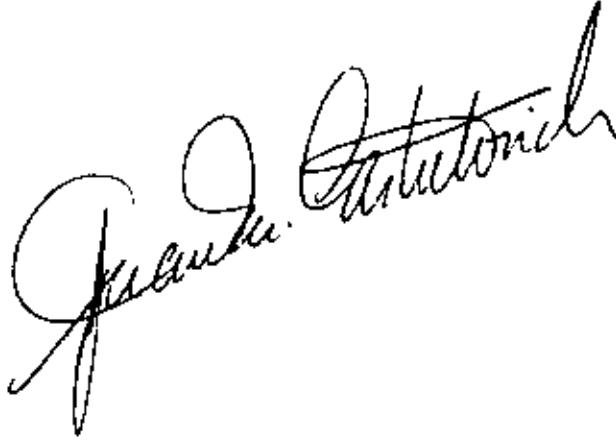
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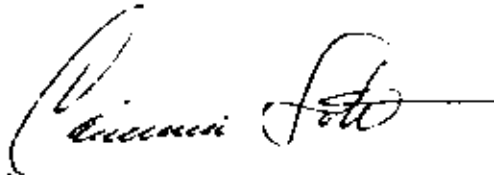
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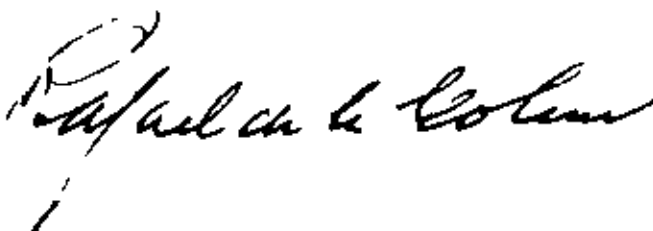
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POUR LA HONDURAS:

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FOR HAITI  
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FOR GUATEMALA  
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POUR GUATEMALA

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FOR GRENADA  
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POR LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMERICA:  
FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:  
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POUR LES ETATS-UNITS D'AMERIQUE:

*John M. Lee*

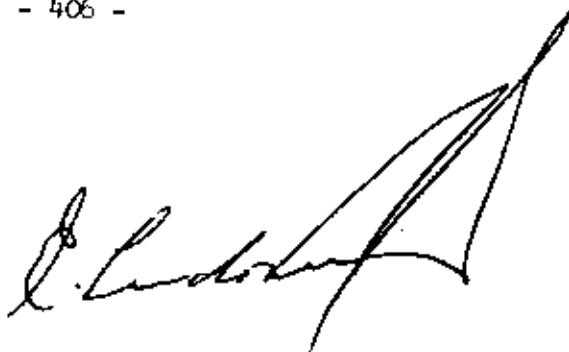
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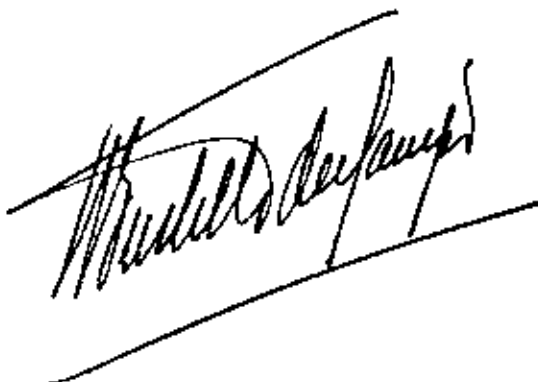
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*H. B. Landozob.*

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*W. B. ...*



POR LA REPUBLICA ARGENTINA:  
FOR THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC:  
PELA REPUBLICA ARGENTINA:  
POUR LA REPUBLIQUE ARGENTINE:

*A. Prijsano*