

AG/RES. 993 (XIX-O/89)

REPORT ON THE PROCEDURE FOR ESTABLISHING FIRM AND LASTING PEACE
IN CENTRAL AMERICA

(Resolution adopted at the ninth plenary session,
held on November 18, 1989)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

BEARING IN MIND resolutions AG/RES. 675 (XIII-O/83), AG/RES. 702 (XIV-O/84), AG/RES. 770 (XV-O/85), AG/RES. 831 (XVI-O/86), AG/RES. 870 (XVII-O/87), and AG/RES. 937 (XVIII-O/88), as well as the initiative of the Secretaries General of the Organization of American States and the United Nations of November 18, 1986;

TAKING NOTE of the report of the Secretary General presented in compliance with resolution AG/RES. 937 (XIII-O/88) (AG/doc.2451/89);

CONVINCED that the peoples of Central America wish to achieve peace, reconciliation, development, and justice, without outside interference, in accordance with their own decision and their own historical experience, and without sacrificing the principles of self-determination and nonintervention;

AWARE that the agreement on the "Procedure for Establishing Firm and Lasting Peace in Central America" signed in Guatemala City on August 7, 1987 by the Presidents of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua at the Esquipulas II summit meeting is the outcome of the decision by Central Americans to take up fully the historic challenge of forging a peaceful destiny for Central America;

AWARE also of the political will that inspires them to settle their differences by means of dialogue, negotiation, and respect for the legitimate interests of all states, establishing commitments that are to be fulfilled in good faith, through the verifiable performance of actions aimed at achieving peace, democracy, security, cooperation, and respect for human rights;

WELCOMING the joint declarations of Alajuela, Costa Rica, of January 16, 1988, and Costa del Sol, El Salvador, of February 14, 1988, signed by the Presidents of Central America;

TAKING NOTE WITH SPECIAL SATISFACTION of the decisions reached by the Central American Presidents at Tela, Honduras, on August 7, 1989, which include the Tela Declaration, the "Joint Plan for demobilization and



voluntary repatriation or relocation in Nicaragua and other countries of members of the Nicaraguan Resistance and their families, as well as assistance for the demobilization of all those persons involved in armed actions in the countries of the region, when they voluntarily so request," and the agreement signed by Honduras and Nicaragua, with the moral support of the government leaders of Costa Rica, El Salvador, and Guatemala;

TAKING NOTE of the actions undertaken by the Secretaries General of the Organization of American States and the United Nations and in support of the decisions of the Central American Presidents, especially those pertaining to the establishment and functioning of the International Commission for Support and Verification, in charge of executing the "Joint Plan for demobilization and voluntary repatriation or relocation in Nicaragua and other countries of the members of the Nicaraguan Resistance and their families and of providing assistance for the demobilization of all those persons involved in armed actions in the countries of the region, when they voluntarily so request";

RECOGNIZING the importance of the decision of the United Nations Security Council, dated November 7, 1989, on the establishment of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America at the request of the governments of the area to carry out the on-site verification, in compliance with points 5 and 6 of the Esquipulas II Agreement, concerning the cessation of aid to irregular forces or to insurrectional movements and the non-use of their own territory for aggression against other states, and subsequent statements;

TAKING NOTE of the importance that the Central American Presidents attach to the function of international verification of the electoral processes in the area, in compliance with the decisions contained in the agreement signed at the Esquipulas II summit meeting and the Declarations of Alajuela and Costa del Sol;

WELCOMING the fact that, through a sovereign decision, the Government of Nicaragua invited the Secretary General of the Organization of American States to form, as part of the peace process in Central America, a group of observers to monitor its electoral process in each and every one of its phases, to culminate in the national elections set for February 25, 1990, as well as the affirmative response of the Secretary General;

WELCOMING further the agreement reached in the dialogue begun last September in Mexico City between the Government of El Salvador and the Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front (FMLN) to invite representatives of the Secretaries General of the Organization of American States and the United Nations as witnesses;



RECOGNIZING the steadfast resolve, as well as the decisive contribution made by the Contadora Group and its Support Group, to achieve peace in Central America; and

BEARING IN MIND the special importance, for improving living conditions for the Central American peoples, of implementing United Nations General Assembly resolution 42/231, dated May 12, 1988, on the Special Plan of Economic Cooperation for Central America, and other pertinent resolutions,

RESOLVES:

1. To commend the desire for peace expressed by the Presidents of Central America in signing the agreement on the "Procedure for Establishing Firm and Lasting Peace in Central America," of August 7, 1987, in Guatemala City, and in their subsequent declarations and agreements.
2. To express its strongest support for those agreements.
3. To urge the governments to continue their efforts to achieve firm and lasting peace in Central America, and to express its earnest wishes for effective implementation of the agreements signed on August 7, 1989, in Tela, Honduras.
4. To appeal to countries outside the region that have ties with and interests in it to promote compliance with the agreements of the Central American Presidents and to refrain from any action that might hamper said agreements.
5. To give its full support to the Secretary General in the performance of the functions that he, as a member of the International Commission for Support and Verification (CIAV), and the Secretary-General of the United Nations were entrusted with by the Central American Presidents at the Tela summit meeting.
6. To request the Secretary General to continue to give his strongest support to the Central American governments in their efforts to achieve peace, particularly through their cooperation in implementing the security verification mechanism of points 5 and 6 of the Esquipulas II Agreement through the United Nations Observer Group in Central America.
7. To support the accord of the Nicaraguan Government with the Secretary General on the establishment of the Observer Group to monitor the electoral process in Nicaragua, which was agreed upon through an exchange of letters of March 3 and 10, 1989, respectively.



8. To request the Secretary General to continue issuing public reports on the monitoring of the electoral process in Nicaragua.

9. To urge the international community and international organizations to increase technical, economic, and financial assistance to the Central American countries for the attainment of the goals and objectives of the Special Plan of Economic Cooperation for Central America, as stipulated in resolution 42/231 of the United Nations General Assembly, and as a way to assist in the efforts being made by the countries of the region to achieve peace and development.

10. To include in the draft agenda of its twentieth regular session the topic "Report on the Procedure for Establishing Firm and Lasting Peace in Central America."

11. To thank the Secretary General of the OAS for his dedication, devotion, efforts, and assistance in attaining firm and lasting peace in Central America and to request him to continue to give his full support to the governments of the region.

12. To request the Secretary General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its twentieth regular session on the implementation of this resolution.