

AG/RES. 1191 (XXII-O/92)

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

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session,
held on May 23, 1992)

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), AG/RES. 937 (XVIII-O/88), AG/RES. 993 (XIX-O/89), AG/RES. 1057 (XX-O/90), and AG/RES. 1122 (XXI-O/91);

TAKING NOTE of the report presented by the Secretary General pursuant to resolution AG/RES. 1122 (XXI-O/91);

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

CONVINCED that the peoples of Central America are consolidating their democratization and reconciliation processes, making it possible to achieve peace and to further development and justice without outside interference, by their own decision, in keeping with their historical experience, and without sacrificing the principles of self-determination and nonintervention;

STRESSING, with great satisfaction, that at their meeting in Puntarenas, Costa Rica, the Central American Presidents declared Central America to be a Region of Peace, Liberty, Democracy and Development, while at their Tegucigalpa meeting they adopted decisions vital to the human development of all Central Americans, especially children and youth;

UNDERSCORING the importance of the Protocol of Tegucigalpa of December 13, 1991, which establishes a new institutional model with creation of the Central American Integration System, encompassing the region's entire organic structure to achieve integration on all fronts;

EMPHASIZING the outstanding work done by the CIAV/OEA in Nicaragua and the contribution it has made to the process of peace, stability and

national reconciliation in that country, and to the resolution of social problems, especially as regards housing construction;

EXPRESSING its deep sense of satisfaction with the peace agreements achieved in El Salvador and its recognition of the important work that UNOSAL has done in verifying those agreements;

RECOGNIZING the efforts that the Guatemalan Government has made to find a peaceful solution to the internal strife as part of the national reconciliation process, further bolstered by the Total Peace Plan presented by President Jorge Serrano Elías last year;

ACKNOWLEDGING the efforts and progress made toward a more united, democratic and peaceful region, noting--in particular--the installation of the Central American Parliament;

TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION the importance of the mine deactivation efforts in Central America and the invaluable support provided by the Inter-American Defense Board, at the Nicaraguan Government's request, to develop a Mine Clearing Plan;

RECOGNIZING the Partnership for Democracy and Development in Central America as a mechanism that will foster the region's political and economic development, and the importance of addressing the priority areas indicated by the Central American countries at the plenary meeting of the Partnership in Ottawa;

REITERATING how important it is that the international community cooperate with Central America in the form of material support, in an obvious show of solidarity with the region; and

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION the commitment of the governments of El Salvador and Honduras to abide by the judgment of the International Court of Justice, which will provide a court settlement to the border dispute between the two countries,

RESOLVES:

1. To reiterate its support for the Declaration of Central America as a Region of Peace, Liberty, Democracy and Development, an expression of the new stage that the countries of the region have reached with the progress they have made in their democratization, peace and reconciliation processes.

2. To call again upon the international community to continue to facilitate and materially support the efforts the governments in the region are making to consolidate democracy and achieve the area's economic and social recovery.

3. To support the creation of the Central American Integration System provided for in the Protocol of Tegucigalpa and to request the international community's backing to put together its institutional mechanisms, particularly its General Secretariat.

4. To support the efforts of the Central American Presidents to further human development in Central America, with special attention to children and youth.

5. To support the extension of the mandate of the International Support and Verification Commission (CIAV) until December 31, 1992, at least, and a broadening of its functions to benefit more Nicaraguans.

6. To express its recognition for the work that the Inter-American Defense Board now has in progress with respect to mine clearing operations and to ask the Secretary General to establish a Special Fund to accept contributions and pledges from those countries that wish to cooperate in mine clearing operations in Central America.

7. To express its enthusiastic support for the Chapultepec Peace Agreements and to congratulate the Salvadoran people for signing them.

8. To emphasize the importance of full and timely fulfillment of the Chapultepec Agreements and to lend its complete support to UNOSAL's verification work.

9. To underscore how important international cooperation for the National Reconstruction Plan (PRN) is for consolidating peace in El Salvador.

10. To give its full backing to the reconciliation process in Guatemala, both in the dialogue phase and in the efforts that seek to create the conditions for truly harmonious coexistence in Guatemalan society, as part of the Total Peace Plan.

11. To request the international community, especially the member states of the Partnership for Democracy and Development in Central America, to contribute to the projects presented by the Central American countries for mine clearing in Central America; supporting criminal investigation institutions and public prosecution offices; building court facilities; supporting legislative bodies and electoral agencies; reassimilating into

society those persons displaced by the internal conflicts in Guatemala; and creating the Central American judicial training center.

12. To reiterate its request to the international community, international organizations and nongovernmental organizations to increase significantly the technical, economic and financial cooperation provided to the Central American countries, in an unmistakable show of support and understanding for the significant efforts these countries are making to consolidate peace and democracy and promote development.

13. To reiterate its support of the Partnership for Democracy and Development in Central America, as an instrument of international support for the region.

14. To underscore the importance of the ministerial conferences that the Central American countries and those of the European Economic Community hold as part of the "San José" dialogue.

15. To thank the Secretary General for his report.