

U.S. Ambassador Luigi R. Einaudi's Statement
To OAS Permanent Council
Re El Salvador/Honduras ICJ Decision

September 16, 1992

Mr. Chairman:

The spokesman of the department of state will issue a statement today to the effect that the government of the United States of America welcomes the ruling by the International Court of Justice on September 11, 1992 resolving the century-long territorial dispute between Honduras and El Salvador. El Salvadoran President Cristiani, Honduran President Callejas, their governments, and the armed forces and citizens of El Salvador and Honduras deserve highest praise for maintaining a climate of peace and tolerance during the period of judicial deliberation. We are confident that the two countries will implement the court decision in the same spirit of democracy and constructive cooperation.

Let me add that as the United States Ambassador to the OAS, I welcome the presence at the border ceremony of our distinguished Secretary General, and that I very much hope that the planned demining activities already being organized for Nicaragua may be successfully extended to Honduras and El Salvador and other countries of the region so that the Organization may continue to contribute to peace and progress in Central America.