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## EMBASSY OF NICARAGUA

Harare, November 2, 1989

Cde. Stanley Mabizela Representative ANC Harare

Dear Cde. Mabizela:

Enclosed please find a Statement in relation to the suspension of the cease fire issued by the Government of Nicaragua on November 1, 1989.

Fraternally,

Francisco Campbell

Ambassador



## **EMBASSY OF NICARAGUA**

## STATEMENT

The Government of the Republic of Nicaragua which has been working intensely for peace, denounces before national and international public opinion that in the past twenty days the infiltration of mercenary contra bandits from their bases in Honduran territory towards the Fifth and Sixth Regions in Nicaragua has intensified.

During the past three weeks more than 1,100 mercenary-contras taking advantage of the cease fire unilaterally declared by the Government, have penetrated Nicaraguan territory and are using the so called "Humanitarian Assistance" voted by the U.S. Congress to carry-out their criminal acts.

As a result of these infiltrations attacks against civilian, economic and military targets have increased dramatically during the past few weeks, with the consequent loss of life among the Nicaraguan population.

These actions are intended to sabotage the Accords signed by the five Central American Presidents in Tela, Honduras on August 7 this year, which calls for the dismantling of the contra forces. Likewise, they seek to obstruct the orderly development of the electoral process.

## In view of these acts:

- 1. The Government of Nicaragua is presently undertaking emergency efforts with various Governments, political personalities, international organisms and institutions for the purpose of strengthening the peace process which has been altered because of the increased war-like activities of the contra bandits.
- 2. The Government of Nicaragua calls on the Government of the United States to support this international effort in favor of peace and the orderly development of the electoral process which will culminate with the February 25, 1990 elections.
- 3. The Government of Nicaragua with a view to strengthen the various steps taken by the International Support and Verification Commission (CIAV) to carry-out the Tela Accords, call for a meeting to take place on November 6 and 7 at the United Nations between the Governments of Honduras and Nicaragua, the CIAV and a Representative of the contras for the purpose of approving the technical and logistical aspects necessary to promote the return to the country and integration into the political process or the relocation in third countries, of persons linked to contra activities as called for in the Tela Accords.
- 4. The Government of Nicaragua is hopeful that these international efforts will result immediately in an end to the bloodshed caused by contra activities and that they will facilitate the full compliance with the Accords calling for the demobilization of the contras by December 5 of this year.

- 5. The Government of Nicaragua reaffirms once again that, independently of the position taken by the contra bandits, it will guarantee the orderly development of the electoral process and the safety throughout the country of the international observers monitoring the elections to take place on February 25, 1990.
- 6. As these multiple efforts mentioned above begin to show concrete results in the form of systematic demobilization of the contras, cessation of infiltration of mercenary contra bandits into Nicaraguan territory and their territorist activities, the Government of Nicaragua will be in condition to reinstate the unilateral cease fire declaration as it has been doing since march, 1988.

Managua, Nicaragua November 1, 1989