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RESOLUTION 637 (1989)

Adopted by the Security Council at its 2871st meeting,
on 27 July 1989

The Security Council,

Recalling its resolutions 530 (1983) of 19 May 1983 and 562 (1985) of 10 May 1985 and General Assembly resolutions 38/10 of 11 November 1983, 39/4 of 26 October 1984, 41/37 of 18 November 1986, 42/1 of 7 October 1987 and 43/24 of 15 November 1988, as well as the initiative that the Secretary-General of the United Nations undertook on 18 November 1986 together with the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States,

Convinced that the peoples of Central America wish to achieve a peaceful settlement to their conflicts without outside interference, including support for irregular forces, with respect for the principles of self-determination and non-intervention while ensuring full respect for human rights,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General of 26 June 1989 submitted in pursuance of Security Council resolutions 530 (1983) and 562 (1985) (S/20699),

Recognizing the important contribution of the Contadora Group and its Support Group in favour of peace in Central America,

Welcoming the agreement signed at Guatemala City on 7 August 1987 by the Presidents of the Republics of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua as the manifestation of the will of the peoples of Central America to achieve peace, democratization, reconciliation, development and justice, in accordance with their decision to meet the historical challenge of forging a peaceful destiny for the region,

Welcoming the subsequent Joint Declarations issued by the Central American Presidents on 16 January 1988 in Costa Rica and on 14 February 1989 in El Salvador,

Aware of the importance which the Central American Presidents attach to the role of international verification as an essential component for the implementation

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of the above-mentioned instruments, including, in particular, their commitments relating to regional security, especially non-use of territory to support destabilization of neighbouring countries and democratization, especially free and fair elections, as well as to the voluntary demobilization, repatriation or relocation of irregular forces, as agreed in the Tesoro Beach Agreement of 14 February 1989.

Aware also that the commitments enshrined in the Guatemala Agreement form a harmonious and indivisible whole.

Noting with appreciation the efforts undertaken to date by the Secretary-General in support of the Central American peace process, including his assistance in the establishment of appropriate mechanisms to verify compliance with the provisions of the Guatemala Agreement and of the Joint Declaration adopted by the Central American Presidents at their meeting held in El Salvador on 14 February 1989, and particularly the Secretary-General's agreement with Nicaragua to deploy a United Nations elections observer mission in that country,

1. Commends the desire for peace expressed by the Central American Presidents in signing on 7 August 1987 at Guatemala City the agreement on "Procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace in Central America" and in the Joint Declarations subsequently signed in pursuance of it;
2. Expresses its firmest support for the Guatemala Agreement and the Joint Declarations;
3. Calls upon the Presidents to continue their efforts to achieve a firm and lasting peace in Central America through the faithful implementation of the commitments entered into in the Guatemala Agreement and in the expressions of good will contained in the Joint Declaration of 14 February 1989;
4. Appeals to all States, in particular to those which have links with the region and interests in it, to back the political will of the Central American countries to comply with the provisions of the Guatemala Agreement and of the Joint Declaration, particularly that regional and extra-regional Governments which either openly or covertly supply aid to irregular forces or insurrectional movements in the area immediately halt such aid, with the exception of the humanitarian aid that contributes to the goals of the Tesoro Beach Agreement of 14 February 1989;
5. Lends its full support to the Secretary-General to continue his mission of good offices in consultation with the Security Council in support of the Central American Governments in their effort to achieve the goals set forth in the Guatemala Agreement;
6. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Security Council regularly on the implementation of the present resolution.

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Remarks by the Secretary-General
to the television of El Salvador
after his meeting with President Cristiani.
New York, 31 January, 1990 .

(translated from spanish)

"I would like to express my satisfaction for this meeting with President Cristiani from El Salvador, and for the beginning of a very constructive and important discussion with regards to the dialogue between the salvadorean people. The UN's position has always been the same. This is a Salvadorean problem that must be solved by its people. I have conducted extensive talks with President cristiani and we both have agreed that as soon as possible steps must be taken with a view to seek a dialogue between the government of El Salvador and the FMLN.

President Cristiani, in following the mandate of Security Council Resolution 637 has agreed to the good offices of the United Nations Secretary-General with the purpose of advancing this dialogue until its conclusion, which I hope would be a negotiated solution of the internal problems of El Salvador."

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Following the meeting held today with the President of El Salvador, I will redouble my efforts to facilitate the resumption of the process of dialogue between the Government and the FMLN. I understand that the task entrusted to me is in the framework of the good offices mandate conferred upon me by the Security Council under resolution 637 (1989).

31 January 1990