

APPENDIX II

EXCERPTS FROM THE DRAFT CONTADORA TREATY

CHAPTER III

COMMITMENTS WITH REGARD TO SECURITY MATTERS

In conformity with their obligations under international law and in accordance with the objective of laying the foundation for effective and lasting peace, the Parties assume commitments with regard to security matters relating to the prohibition of international military manoeuvres; the cessation of the arms build-up; the dismantling of military foreign bases, schools or other installations; the withdrawal of foreign military advisers and other foreign elements participating in military or security activities; the prohibition of the traffic in arms; the cessation of support for irregular forces; the denial of encouragement or support for acts of terrorism, subversion or sabotage; and lastly, the establishment of a regional system of direct communication.

To that end, the Parties undertake to take specific action in accordance with the following:

Section 1. COMMITMENTS WITH REGARD TO MILITARY MANOEUVRES

16. To comply with the following provisions as regards the holding of national military manoeuvres, with effect from the signing of this Act;
 - (a) When national military manoeuvres are held in areas less than 30 kilometres from the territory of another State, the appropriate prior notification to the other States Parties and the Verification and Control Commission, mentioned in Part II of this Act, shall be made at least 30 days beforehand.
 - (b) The notification shall contain the following information:
 - (1) Name;
 - (2) Purpose;
 - (3) Participating troops, units and forces;
 - (4) Area where the manoeuvre is scheduled;
 - (5) Programme and timetable;
 - (6) Equipment and weapons to be used.
 - (c) Invitations shall be issued to observers from neighbouring States Parties.
17. To comply with the following provisions as regards the holding of international military manoeuvres.
 1. From the entry into force of the Act and for a period of 90 days, the holding of international military manoeuvres involving the presence in their respective territories of armed forces belonging to States from outside the Central American region shall be suspended.
 2. After the 90 days, the Parties may, by mutual agreement and taking into account the recommendations of the Verification and Control Commission, extend the suspension until such time as the maximum limits for armaments and troop strength are reached, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 19 of this