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## *Abstract*

**T**his paper discusses the background to, possible contexts of, and likely difficulties with, an eventual Central American peace accord particularly its verification. It begins with a brief analysis of the political, military and diplomatic background of the regional crisis, setting the scene for a look at the verification aspects of the peace negotiations and agreements to date: Contadora, Esquipulas II, and Sapoá. It then attempts to show what kind of further agreement one might see in the future, doing this by examining both "minimum" and "maximum" content possibilities. This is followed by a lengthy discussion of the verification implications of such agreements and the political, geographical, social and technical difficulties they might pose.