

PROVIDED THE CENTRAL AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS THEMSELVES DESIRE OUR INVOLVEMENT AND CREATE A FRAMEWORK FOR EFFECTIVE ACTION. OUR POLICY IS CLEAR -- WE SHALL SUPPORT ANY INITIATIVE WHICH CONTRIBUTES TO THE STABILITY OF THE REGION, TO SELF-DETERMINATION FOR ITS NATIONS, TO PEACE FOR ITS PEOPLES."

THE ACTIVE CONCERN AND OBJECTIVE INTEREST OF CANADA IN THE CONTINUING CRISIS IN CENTRAL AMERICA WAS RECOGNISED BY THE CENTRAL AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS IN THEIR COMMUNIQUE OF APRIL 7 IN WHICH THEY ANNOUNCED THEIR INTENTION TO INVITE SPAIN, WEST GERMANY AND CANADA TO DESIGN THE PEACE MECHANISMS FOR THE REGION.

THE SAPOA AGREEMENT IN NICARAGUA WAS SEEN AS A SIGNIFICANT BREAKTHROUGH IN THE QUEST FOR PEACE AND WAS SUPPORTED BY A RESOLUTION OF THE CANADIAN PARLIAMENT. WE WELCOMED THE CONSTRUCTIVE EFFORTS OF SECRETARY GENERAL BAENA SOARES AS A WITNESS AND VERIFIER OF THOSE DISCUSSIONS. HIS ROLE WAS NOT ONLY SEEN AS BEING HELPFUL TO THE PEACE PROCESS IN CENTRAL AMERICA BUT ALSO INSTRUMENTAL IN ENABLING THIS ORGANIZATION TO FULFIL THE MANDATE AND FURTHER THE PRINCIPLES OF ITS CHARTER.