

“The members of the Council reiterate their support for the Central American peace process as envisaged in the Esquipulas II agreement of 7 August 1987⁸⁷ and in the Joint Declarations of the Central American Presidents adopted on 16 January 1988 at Alajuela, Costa Rica,⁸⁸ 14 February 1989 at Costa del Sol, El Salvador,⁸⁹ and 7 August 1989 at Tela, Honduras.⁹⁴

“Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 637 (1989) concerning the Central American peace process, the members of the Council also welcome with satisfaction your intention to consult the Council and keep it fully and regularly informed of action taken in support of the Central American peace process.”

At its 2890th meeting, on 7 November 1989, the Council discussed the item entitled:

“Central America: efforts towards peace—report of the Secretary-General (S/20895)”⁹⁵

Resolution 644 (1989)

of 7 November 1989

The Security Council,

Recalling its resolution 637 (1989) of 27 July 1989,

1. *Approves* the report of the Secretary-General of 11 October 1989;⁹⁶

2. *Decides* to set up immediately, under its authority, a United Nations Observer Group in Central America and requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to this effect, in accordance with his above-mentioned report, bearing in mind the need to continue to monitor expenditures carefully during this period of increasing demands on peace-keeping resources;

3. *Also decides* that the United Nations Observer Group in Central America shall be established for a period of six months, unless the Security Council decides otherwise;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the Security Council fully informed of further developments.

Adopted unanimously at the 2890th meeting.

Decisions

At the same meeting, following consultations with the members of the Council, the President made the following statement on behalf of the Council:⁹⁷

⁹⁵ *Ibid.*, Supplement for July, August and September 1989.

⁹⁶ *Ibid.*, document S/20895.

⁹⁷ S/20952.

“The members of the Security Council reaffirm their full support for the Secretary-General’s efforts to assist the Central American Governments in their efforts to achieve the goals set forth in the Guatemala agreement of 7 August 1987⁸⁷ and in the Joint Declarations subsequently signed in pursuance of it. In any consideration of the renewal of the mandate of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America, they will wish to assure themselves that the presence of the Observer Group is continuing to contribute actively to the achievement of a firm and lasting peace in Central America.”

In a letter dated 16 November 1989,⁹⁸ the Secretary-General referred to paragraph 22 of his report of 11 October 1989⁹⁶ in which he had said that, after consulting with the parties, he would seek the Council’s agreement to proposals for the composition of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America. Having completed his consultations with the parties, he proposed to the Security Council that the following countries should contribute to the Observer Group: (a) Military observers: Canada, Colombia, Ireland, Spain and Venezuela; (b) Logistic units: Canada and Venezuela. In addition, the Secretary-General proposed that the logistics units should include civilian elements contributed by the Federal Republic of Germany. In a letter dated 21 November 1989,⁹⁹ the President of the Council informed the Secretary-General as follows:

“I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 16 November 1989 concerning the composition of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America⁹⁸ has been brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council. They have considered the matter and agreed to the proposals in your letter.”

In a letter dated 16 November 1989,¹⁰⁰ the Secretary-General informed the Council of his intention, with the consent of the Council, to appoint Major-General Agustín Quesada Gómez of Spain as Chief Military Observer of the United Nations Observer Group for Central America. In a letter dated 21 November 1989,¹⁰¹ the President of the Council informed the Secretary-General as follows:

“I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 16 November 1989 concerning the appointment of the Chief Military Observer of the United Nations Observer Group for Central America¹⁰⁰ has been brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council. They have considered the matter and agreed to the proposal in your letter.”

⁹⁸ S/20979.

⁹⁹ S/20980.

¹⁰⁰ S/20981.

¹⁰¹ S/20982.