



General Assembly Security Council

Distr.
GENERAL

A/46/451

S/23026

10 September 1991

ENGLISH

ORIGINAL: SPANISH

GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Forty-sixth session
Item 137 of the provisional agenda*
DEVELOPMENT AND STRENGTHENING OF
GOOD-NEIGHBOURLINESS BETWEEN STATES

SECURITY COUNCIL
Forty-sixth year

Letter dated 9 September 1991 from Permanent Representative
of Guatemala to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have pleasure in transmitting to you herewith the **communiqué** from the Government of Guatemala containing a clear recognition of the State of **Belize** and referring to the significant progress towards reaching a **final** solution of the dispute between Guatemala and **Belize**; it **reads** as follows:

"The Government of the Republic of Guatemala **declares** that the recent decision by the State of Belize to limit its **territorial sea** and its **zone of exclusive economic exploitation** makes it clear to the Government of Guatemala that the right of the Republic of Guatemala to its own territorial **sea** on the Caribbean **coast** and to its own exclusive **economic zone** is guaranteed.

"Similarly, the Government of Guatemala welcomes the statement by Belize assuring Guatemala permanent access to the Caribbean Sea from El **Petén** department and **use** and development of port facilities in the State of **Belize**, and also the right to participate in the **joint exploitation** of **areas** of **Belize's zone of exclusive economic** exploitation for their mutual benefit.

* A/46/150.

"In view of the foregoing, the Government of Guatemala expresses its readiness to pursue direct discussions with the independent State of Belize in order to reach a final solution to the dispute, thereby enabling us to live in peace and harmony as neighbouring countries and to move ahead with the development of our peoples,

"The Government of Guatemala considers that the momentous strides made within the framework of international law are a major contribution to the joint effort to bring peace and stability to our region.

Guatemala, 5 September 1991"

I should be grateful if you would have this communiqué circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 137 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

**(Signed) Francisco VILLAGRAN DE LEON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative**