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FROM NICARAGUA

The text of a telex dated 11 September 1987 which the Director General has received from the Nicaraguan authorities is reproduced below for the information of delegates.

"I have the honour of referring to your message No. 776730 of 8 September this year, in which you pointed out the consequences of Article XIX.A of the Statute of the Agency.

"In that connection, we would like to inform you that the Government of Nicaragua is in a very difficult economic situation, as shown by the deficit for 1986: in that year, Nicaragua's exports amounted to US\$ 226 million and its imports to US\$ 840 million - in other words, there was a deficit of US\$ 614 million. The Government of Nicaragua nevertheless made an effort by contributing US\$ 17 230 that year, which is irrefutable proof of its commitment to fulfilling its financial obligations to the Agency.

"We would also like to draw your attention to resolution 41/200 of the General Assembly of the United Nations, dated 8 December 1986, which acknowledges the crisis faced by Nicaragua and calls on international organizations, and on the Specialized Agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system in particular, to continue and to increase their assistance towards the economic recovery of our country.

"The Government of Nicaragua therefore asks of you that Article XIX.A of the Statute not be applied during the thirty-first session of the General Conference of the IAEA."

