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San Salvador, El Salvador  
Central America

and The High Command of the FMLN

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We have watched with grave concern news accounts of the death and destruction that have engulfed El Salvador since Saturday. We urgently appeal to both the F.M.L.N. and the Salvadoran Government to:

- 1) heed the appeal of the International Committee of the Red Cross to allow for the evacuation of wounded from conflictive areas.
- 2) adhere to the principles of the Geneva Conventions and take every measure possible to avoid civilian casualties. Specifically, we call on the F.M.L.N. to allow civilians to leave areas where there is a continuing guerrilla presence. We also urge the Government to refrain from aerial attacks against civilian neighborhoods.
- 3) immediately resume negotiations, at the highest levels, to achieve a cease-fire and bring about a political settlement to the 10 year old civil war.

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