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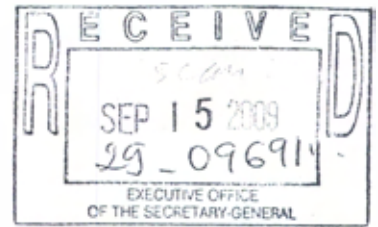
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| Subject: | <i>Meeting with the Permanent Representative of Nicaragua</i>                     |         |  |

1. I met today at his request with H.E. Mr. Carlos Robelo Raffone, Permanent Representative of Nicaragua to the United Nations in Geneva. The Ambassador handed me a letter (copy attached) addressed to the Secretary-General by Ms. Patricia Isabel Rodas Baca, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Honduras. Ms. Rodas Baca is a member of President Zelaya's government. The letter informs that Mr. Urbizo Panting has ceased his functions as Permanent Representative of Honduras to the United Nations in Geneva with immediate effect. It further requests that all relations with Honduras be channelled through its Permanent Mission in New York. The Ambassador explained that this letter, dated 18 August 2009, supersedes the previous one, of the same date, also addressed to the Secretary-General through the New York mission.
2. Ambassador Raffone furthermore indicated that the other current staff members of the Permanent Mission of Honduras are not recognized either by the legitimate government of that country. He informed me that Minister Rodas Baca had therefore asked him to represent the interests of Honduras at the United Nations in Geneva until such time when a legitimate representative has been appointed. Ambassador Raffone indicated, however, that he had no instructions from his own government in this regard and would envisage to discharge this function in an informal way.
3. In this context, I would like to inform you that this morning, the President of the Human Rights Council made a statement in which he referred to the withdrawal of Mr. Urbizo Panting's accreditation and confirmed "consensus within the Human Rights Council that [it] will follow the decision of the General Assembly on the recommendations of the report of the Credentials Committee." Mr. Urbizo Panting did not attempt to enter the meeting room and the session proceeded without incident.

4. Ambassador Raffone enquired about the status of Mr. Urbizo Panting and his staff at the Permanent Mission in Geneva, asking in particular whether their access badges to the Palais des Nations **would** be revoked. I would be grateful for your guidance on this particular question as well as on other practical implications of these developments, including whether we should inform the host country and other United Nations organizations based in Geneva of the new status of Mr. Urbizo Panting and his staff.

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18 de agosto de 2009

Señor  
Ban Ki-moon  
Secretario General  
Organización de las Naciones Unidas (ONU)  
New York

Señor Secretario General:

Tengo el agrado de dirigirme a usted, en ocasión de hacer de su conocimiento que por disposición del Excelentísimo Señor Presidente de la República de Honduras, Don José Manuel Zelaya Rosales y debido a la situación imperante en Honduras, en esta fecha ha cesado en sus funciones el Señor Delmer Urbizo Panting, como Representante Permanente de Honduras ante la Naciones Unidas en Ginebra, debido a su respaldo al régimen usurpador en Honduras.

En ese sentido, agradeceré que la relación diplomática con Honduras se canalice a través de nuestra Representación ante Naciones Unidas, al siguiente contacto:

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Aprovecho la oportunidad para reiterarle las muestras de mi más alta y distinguida consideración.



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