

CONTADORA NATIONS INITIATIVE—
U.S. SUPPORTJune 29, 1984
[H. Con. Res. 261]

Whereas at the initiative of the four Contadora Nations of Colombia, Mexico, Panama, and Venezuela, the Governments of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua agreed on January 8, 1984, to Principles for the Implementation of the Commitments Undertaken in the Document of Objectives;

Whereas those agreed Principles include specific and significant measures for immediate implementation as well as establishment of a mechanism for development of recommendations for verification, supervision of compliance, and further steps toward a regional peace agreement;

Whereas those measures include human and political rights as well as immediate elimination of illegal arms traffic and all forms of support for insurgents;

Whereas the National Bipartisan Commission on Central America concluded that "a key objective for the United States should be to promote the development of an independent system of regional relations, backed up by commitments of United States economic resources, diplomatic support, and military assistance" and that the Contadora process deserves "the gratitude and encouragement of all the nations in the hemisphere";

Whereas President Reagan has expressed the United States Government's support for the Contadora process; and

Whereas this effort by the countries of the region to resolve their differences peacefully in accordance with internationally recognized principles deserves the concrete support of the United States and other countries: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),
That the Congress—

(1) strongly supports the initiatives taken by the Contadora Nations and the resulting Document of Objectives and Principles for Implementation which have been agreed to by Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua;

(2) believes that the United States should support the effort to translate the agreed Principles into practical and concrete arrangements so as to facilitate a comprehensive regional peace agreement based on the principles of noninterference in the affairs of other countries, national reconciliation, and democracy; and

(3) believes that in fashioning our policies toward the countries of the region, the Government of the United States should take into consideration the degree of cooperation of Central American governments with the Contadora process in seeking a peaceful and secure solution to Central American conflicts.

Agreed to June 29, 1984.