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FDN Peace Initiative  
Demand for Restitution of Rights in Nicaragua

The FDN believes that it is still possible to achieve the original objectives of the Nicaraguan revolution by peaceful means: authentic pluralism and democratic liberties, without the extreme recourse of arms. The FDN is willing to immediately cease all its defensive paramilitary actions which it is undertaking within Nicaragua if the Sandinist government faithfully complies, under guarantee by the Organization of American States (OAS), with the following conditions, which constitute 'per se' basic rights of free citizens and the restitution of those rights now denied to the Nicaraguan people.

1. General amnesty.
2. Immediate revocation of the National Emergency Law which, in fact, imposes a state of siege on Nicaragua.
3. Repatriation of all Nicaraguans with full guarantees for their rights as citizens.
4. Revocation of all laws which deny all human, civil, and social rights, and the abolishment of repressive institutions.
5. Immediate stop to religious persecution.
6. Expulsion of the "internationalists" involved in the public domain, including all those who have been given Nicaraguan nationality after July 19, 1979.
7. Substitution of the present Sandinist army and police, the armed instrument in the service of the FSLN party, by means of the creation of a genuine army and an impartial national police with no affiliation to any political party. Disbandment of the People's Militia, and other quasi-official groups of repression and intimidation, such as the committees for the defense of Sandinism.
8. Drastic reduction of the disproportionate inventory of weapons, acquired by the Sandinists in flagrant disregard for our scarce human and economic resources, and by doing so return stability to the Central American region and ensure peace.
9. Immediate and effective separation of public administration from partisan political and ideological activities.
10. Establishment of the right of free speech, freedom of the press, abolishment of all forms of censorship and state control and ownership of the media.
11. Stop the persecution and systematic extermination of the rural and Miskito population.
12. Hold a free and honest election of the National Constitutional Assembly before September 1983. This election will be supervised by a respected international organization such as the OAS.

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