

X/13 UN - PANAMA PROTESTS TROOPS IN CS

P7 UNITED NATIONS, SEPT 5 (RFE SPECIAL/ENDRST)- PANAMA THURSDAY REGISTERED ITS "MOST ENERGETIC PROTEST" WITH THE UNITED NATIONS AGAINST THE PRESENCE OF FOREIGN TROOPS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

IN A LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, PANAMANIAN AMBASSADOR DIDIMO RIOS WROTE THAT SUCH A PRESENCE WAS CONTRARY TO THE PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE UN CHARTER VIOLATED THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERVENTION IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER STATES, COMPROMISED THE INDEPENDENCE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND "TRAMPLES UNDERFOOT ITS RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION."

THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT THERE WOULD NEVER BE TRUE PEACE OR INTERNATIONAL ORDER BASED ON LAW AND THE SOVEREIGN EQUALITY OF STATES "WHILE THE WEAK ARE SUBJECT TO THE WHIMS OF THE STRONG; THROUGH THE ARBITRARY USE OF FORCE OR COERCION."

CONSEQUENTLY, THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA REITERATED ITS "UNSHAKABLE SUPPORT" FOR THE RIGHT TO COEXISTENCE AND THE SELF-DETERMINATION OF PEOPLES. IT PROCLAIMED ITS FIRM DECISION TO SUPPORT ANY MEASURE ADOPTED BY THE UN TO PUT AN EFFECTIVE END TO THE SITUATION WHICH HAD GIVEN RISE TO THIS PROTEST AND WHICH "CONSTITUTES A THREAT TO THE SECURITY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE PEACE OF THE WORLD."

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