

ANNEX B

PROTOCOL FOR THE REMOVAL OF SETTLEMENTS OUTSIDE OF THE ADJACENCY ZONE

Standing instructions to provide for the on-site verification and removal of illegal settlements outside of the Adjacency Zone described in Paragraph 5 of the Confidence Building Measures Agreement signed on November 8th 2000.

Execution of activities by sequence:

Stage I Such settlements shall be reported, in the case of Belize, to the Ministry of National Security, and in the case of Guatemala to the Ministerio de Gobernacion, by the finding agency.

Stage II The respective Ministries of Foreign Affairs (MFA) shall notify the Embassy of the other State and shall verify the existence and location of such settlements. The Ministry shall provide a written report of the situation to the Ambassador or to the Chargé d'Affaires.

Stage III On-site verification shall occur within 72 hours of notification. The Government of the other side will be invited to participate in the on-site verification. The Human Rights Commissioner of Belize and the Procurador de Derechos Humanos of Guatemala or their duly appointed representatives will also be invited to participate in the verification exercise. Where either State Party refuses to participate in a requested verification exercise, the other Party shall inform the Facilitators and may proceed to carry out the verification exercise on its own.

Stage IV

- (a) The authorities engaged in the process of removal will be fluent in English, Spanish, Maya Ketchi and Maya Mopan, and shall act in strict respect for the human rights of the settlers. The Human Rights Commissioner of Belize and the Procurador de Derechos Humanos of Guatemala or their duly appointed representatives will also be invited to observe the removal exercise.
- (b) Settlers to be removed shall be notified immediately after verification to return to their respective State of origin within 72 hours.
- (c) In the event that the settlers to be removed fail to comply with the notice to leave, they shall be removed in accordance with the laws of the respective States and within established international norms of Human Rights.