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INTERNATIONAL MARCH FOR PEACE IN CENTRAL AMERICA

The International March for Peace in Central America will take place December 10, 1985 to January 22, 1986. Three hundred(300) people coming from forty countries around the world, will be walking through seven countries, including El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Guatemala. The route will cover 2,000 kilometers and will be "marched" on foot and, in some areas, in motor vehicle.

The purpose of the March is to give concrete expression of solidarity with the peoples of the Central American region; to promote the respect and recognition of human rights; to support the right to self-determination for sovereign nations; and to promote the Contadora peace initiatives.

The idea for the March originated with a group of Norwegian women peace activists. Subsequently, an international coordinating committee was set up in Vienna in 1984. In Canada, the Voice of Women, Salut le Monde, and A.M.E.S.(Asociacion de Mujeres de El Salvador) undertook the responsibility for the organization of a national committee.

To date, forty(40) Canadians, including twenty(20) Quebeckers, will participate in the March. Each marcher will assume the expenses covering this endeavour.

This March is, we believe, a meaningful and concrete action to inaugurate the International Year of Peace, 1986.

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