



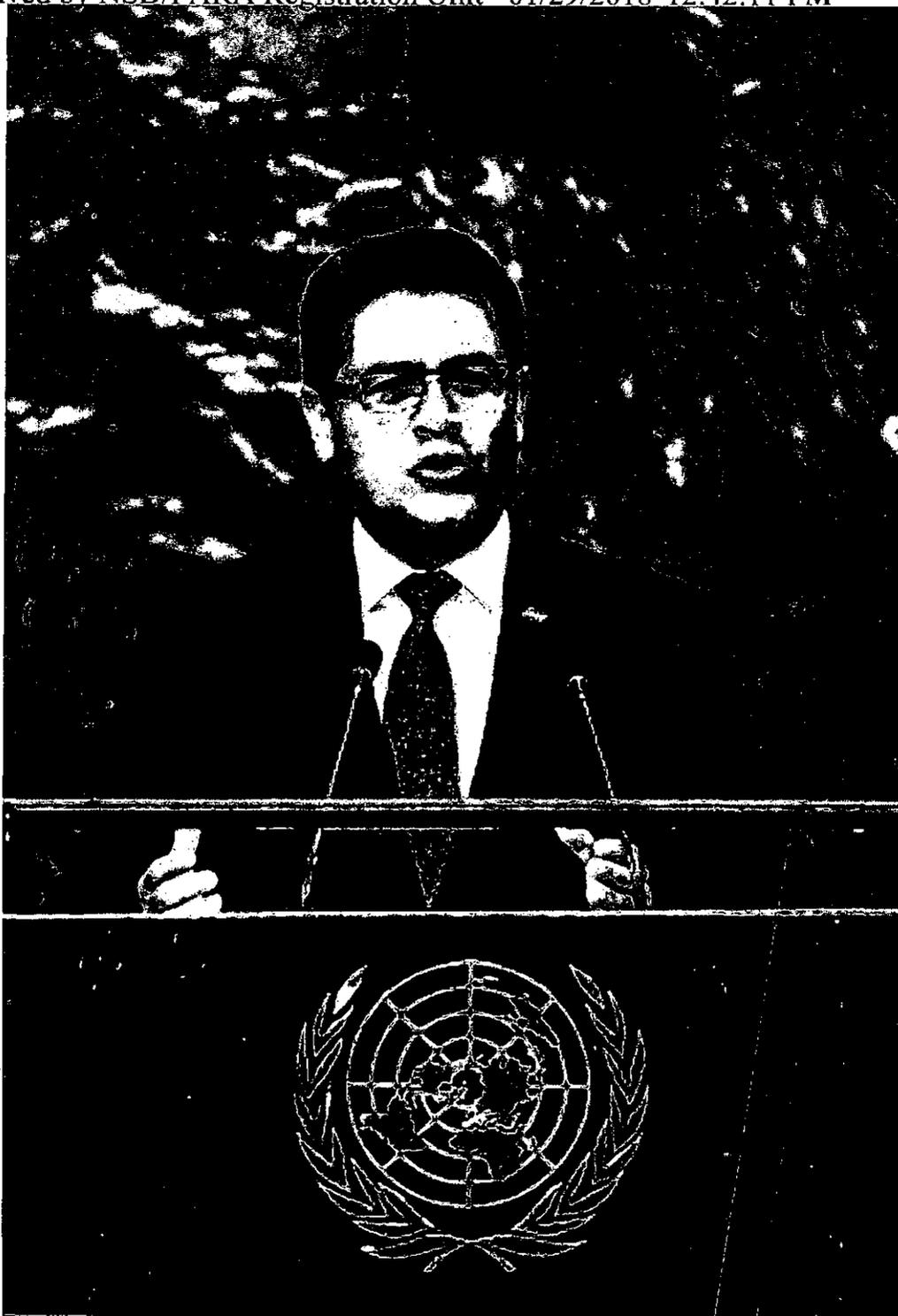
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TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Jan. 26, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- This week, the government of Honduras sent a letter to United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres requesting his help in finding a mediator to facilitate a post-election Honduran dialogue that works toward peace.

"Hondurans deserve an open conversation about how all parties can work together in the public interest," President Hernández said. "I've asked the United Nations to support a national dialogue on safety, security, and economic growth in Honduras."



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According to Ebal Díaz, executive secretary of Honduras's Council of Ministers and a top aide to the president, the Hernández administration and defeated presidential candidates Salvador Nasralla and Luis Zelaya asked the United Nations to provide a mediator for the dialogue. All parties are now waiting on the UN's response.

Díaz stressed that in the dialogue, "The main actors are the dialoguing parties, and the United Nations will help us ensure that no one feels excluded. The important thing is that the agreements reached are binding."

Last week, President Hernández asked Mr. Nasralla and Mr. Zelaya to meet privately to discuss the terms of a national dialogue. According to Díaz, the president is willing to engage in a conversation with Mr. Nasralla, Mr. Zelaya, and leaders of Honduran society without any pre-conditions on the final terms of agreement. Díaz added that President Hernández will ask the National Congress to pass appropriate legislation