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Agenda item 36

URGENT NEED FOR SUSPENSION OF NUCLEAR AND THERMONUCLEAR TESTS

Letter dated 17 October 1973 from the Permanent Representative of Mexico
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I request you to arrange for the distribution, as a General Assembly document,
of the note dated 28 August 1973 addressed to you by Dr. Héctor Cros Espiell, in
his capacity as General Secretary of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear
Weapons in Latin America (OPANAL), and of the annex to that note, which contains
the text of resolution 67 (III) adopted by the General Conference of the Agency
during its third regular session, held in Mexico City from 21 to 24 August 1973.

(Signed) Alfonso GARCIA ROBLES
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Mexico
to the United Nations
LETTER DATED 28 AUGUST 1973 FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE AGENCY FOR THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN LATIN AMERICA ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

The General Conference of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America held its third regular session in Mexico City from 21 to 24 August this year. On the occasion of that meeting, you were kind enough to send a message which was very warmly received by all participating delegations and was read out by your representative, Mr. A. Dantas de Brito.

On 24 August, at the 18th meeting, the General Conference adopted resolution 67 (III), concerning the "urgent need to cease all nuclear weapons tests", the text of which I have the honour to transmit with this note.

As you will see, the General Conference decided "to condemn with the utmost vigour the continuation of nuclear weapons tests in all environments, to address a further appeal to the nuclear Powers to cease immediately nuclear weapons tests of all kinds" and "to keep this item on the agenda of the General Conference in order to be able to review it periodically in the light of the attitude adopted in the future by the nuclear Powers".

Since in the final paragraph of the aforementioned resolution the Conference requested me as General Secretary to transmit it "to nuclear-weapon States and all other States", I request you, if it can be arranged, to have this note and the attached General Conference resolution 67 (III) reproduced as a General Assembly document.

(Signed) Héctor GROS ESPIELL
General Secretary
Resolution 67 (III) adopted by the General Conference of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America on 24 August 1973

URGENT NEED TO CEASE ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS

The General Conference,

Recalling its resolution 39 (II),

Deeply concerned that nuclear tests are continuing despite the fact that recently, in resolution 2828 A (XXVI) of 16 December 1971 and 2934 (XXVII) of 29 November 1972, the General Assembly of the United Nations vigorously urged the Governments of nuclear-weapon States "to bring to a halt all nuclear weapon tests at the earliest possible date, and in any case not later than 5 August 1973", the date of the tenth anniversary of the Treaty of Moscow,

Decides:

1. To condemn with the utmost vigour the continuation of nuclear weapons tests in all environments;

2. To address a further appeal to the nuclear Powers to cease immediately nuclear weapons tests of all kinds;

3. To keep this item on the agenda of the General Conference in order to be able to review it periodically in the light of the attitude adopted in the future by the nuclear Powers;

4. To request the General Secretary to transmit this resolution to nuclear-weapon States and all other States.