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URGENT NEED FOR SUSPENSION OF NUCLEAR AND THERMONUCLEAR TESTS

Letter dated 30 October 1973 from the Permanent Representative of Fiji to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the distribution, as a General Assembly document, under the item entitled "Urgent need for suspension of nuclear and thermonuclear tests", of the telegram of 18 September 1973 addressed to you by Mr. Kurt S. Moylan, in his capacity as Chairman of the Thirteenth South Pacific Conference, held in Guam during the month of September 1973. The telegram contains the text of a resolution which refers to environmental pollution particularly due to radio-active fall-out.

(Signed) S. K. SIKIVOU
Permanent Representative of Fiji to the United Nations
Telegram dated 18 September 1973 from the Chairman of the Thirteenth South Pacific Conference to the Secretary-General

In compliance with the adoption of the resolution of 18 September 1973 by the Thirteenth South Pacific Conference on conservation of nature proposed by Cook delegation and amended by Fiji delegation, I am herewith transmitting this resolution for your action:

"The Thirteenth South Pacific Conference

"Recognizes that marine resources constitute one of the major exploitable resources of the Pacific Ocean and is of equal significance to all countries in the region, and being aware that the progress of civilization and industrialization is placing this resource in serious jeopardy because of pollution in all its forms and more particularly to air pollution due to radio-activity fall-out;

"Expresses with considerable alarm the absolute unwillingness of France to accept the strong and continuous protest against atmospheric nuclear testing in the South Pacific made by several countries in the region;

"Strongly condemns tests and urges France to reconsider her policy so as to enable the South Pacific to continue to be a healthy environment for its peoples, and further condemns all nuclear tests in the future wherever they may be carried out;

"Directs the Chairmen of the Thirteenth South Pacific Conference to communicate the feelings of this Conference to the Secretary-General of the United Nations with the request that the views of this Conference be made known to the United Nations General Assembly and the Security Council."