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QUESTION OF ANTARCTICA

Letter dated 29 November 1984 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General communicating a communiqué of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued on 29 November 1984

I have the honour to transmit herewith a communiqué issued by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs concerning the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Antarctica Treaty.

I would be grateful if you could have the text of this communiqué issued as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 66 entitled "Question of Antarctica".

(Signed) Luc de La BARRE de NANTEUIL
Annex

COMMUNIQUE OF THE FRENCH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ISSUED
ON 29 NOVEMBER 1984

The Antarctica Treaty, signed on 1 December 1959 in Washington, is 25 years old today. On this occasion, France wishes solemnly to reaffirm its firm intention to abide by this agreement which, without disputing its sovereignty over Adélie Land, has made possible the development of exceptional international scientific co-operation of particular value for our knowledge of an inaccessible and impenetrable region.

France's adherence to this Treaty is all the stronger as, in conformity with the principles of the United Nations Charter, the Treaty, particularly its provisions concerning the demilitarization and denuclearization of Antarctica, is making an outstanding contribution to the maintenance of world peace.