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REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION IN THE
LIGHT OF THE PRESSING NEED TO ACHIEVE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN THE
FIELD OF DISARMAMENT, THE CONTINUATION OF THE ARMS RACE AND THE
CLOSE INTERRELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DISARMAMENT, INTERNATIONAL PEACE
AND SECURITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Note verbale dated 22 June 1978 from the Permanent
Representatives of Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia,
Ecuador, Panama, Peru and Venezuela to the United
Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representatives of Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador,
Panama, Peru and Venezuela present their compliments to the Secretary-General and
have the honour to inform him that the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of their
respective countries met in Washington on 22 June 1978 to reaffirm the principles
of the Declaration of Ayacucho, with respect to the limitation of conventional
weapons, signed by their Heads of State and Government in 1974.

The text signed by the above-mentioned Ministers of the Latin American
countries is attached hereto, with the request that it should be circulated as an
official document of the tenth special session of the General Assembly under agenda
item 9.
ANNEX

Text signed by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Panama, Peru and Venezuela

The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Panama, Peru and Venezuela, countries which are signatories to the Declaration of Ayacucho, meeting in the city of Washington on 22 June 1978 at the time when the special session of the United Nations General Assembly devoted to disarmament was being held, expressed deep concern at the continuation of the arms race throughout the world and the negative consequences which this entails for the economic and social development of peoples;

They stated that disarmament and arms limitation are indispensable for the preservation of international peace and security and in this connexion stressed the significance of the special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament;

They reaffirmed the importance which they attribute to the postulates of the Declaration of Ayacucho in respect of the limitation of armaments in Latin America, and reaffirmed the need to redouble efforts to bring about conditions which will be conducive to effective arms limitation in the region and to devote all possible resources to the economic and social development of each and every one of the countries of Latin America;

They agreed that the continued existence of problems in the international field is one of the major causes of armaments and they accordingly reaffirmed their will to seek the solution of all disputes by peaceful means, thus contributing to the elimination of tensions and the preservation and strengthening of peace;

They likewise expressed their willingness to explore, together with the other Latin American countries, possibilities for reaching an agreement on limiting conventional weapons in Latin America;

They agreed to hold a later meeting at the level of Ministers for Foreign Affairs for the purpose of considering specific action to this end.

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