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LETTER DATED 30 JULY 1963 FROM THE ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE OF MEXICO  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to refer to note No. 3199 which I addressed to you yesterday on instructions from my Government concerning the Treaty putting an end to experimental atomic explosions in the atmosphere, in outer space and under water upon which agreement was recently reached in Moscow by the representatives of the Soviet Union, the United States of America and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

I should accordingly be grateful if you would have this communication circulated as a General Assembly document.

(Signed) Francisco CUEVAS CANCINO  
Alternate Representative of Mexico  
to the United Nations  
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

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No. 3199

The negotiations in Moscow between representatives of the Soviet Union, the United States of America and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland have culminated, as you are aware, in the drafting of a nuclear test ban Treaty. This Treaty is shortly to be signed by the representatives of the Governments in question and may be adhered to by other States which did not take part in the negotiations.

In that connexion I have the honour, upon express instructions from my Government, to inform you of the following:

The Government of Mexico has decided to sign, as soon as it is open for signature, the Treaty banning nuclear tests in the atmosphere, in outer space and under water upon which the representatives of the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics reached agreement on 25 July 1963.

The decision of the Government of Mexico is dictated by its wish to emphasize the interest which it has always had in the suspension of nuclear tests and by the desirability of encouraging the great Powers to persist in their efforts to arrive at the total prohibition of nuclear tests for military purposes and the broadest possible agreement on the question of general and complete disarmament under international control.

The Government of Mexico considers that the Treaty which was initialled in Moscow represents a most important first step towards the attainment of those two major objectives; nevertheless, as long as they are not attained, and inasmuch as the Treaty does not (and cannot) prevent the conclusion of broader regional agreements, it is of the opinion that continuing efforts should be made to reach an agreement under which Latin America would be declared a denuclearized zone, recognized as such by the United Nations. The Government of Mexico trusts that this opinion may be shared by the other Latin American Governments.

(Signed) Francisco CUEVAS CANCINO  
Alternate Representative of Mexico  
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