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THE SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL I OF THE
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EFFECTS OF ATOMIC RADIATION

Letter dated 16 July 1991 from the representatives of Chile,
Colombia, Ecuador and Peru to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General

On behalf of the members of the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific, we have the honour to request that the attached statement, which was issued by the secretariat of the Commission on 8 July 1991, be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under items 50, 51, 52, 53, 60 (a) and (i) and 70 of the provisional agenda.

Reaffirming the views set forth in their previous communications of 5 June, 9 and 11 July, 21 and 28 November 1990 and 9 and 28 May and

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24 June 1991, the members of the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific once again reject the continuation of nuclear testing by France in view of the grave risk such testing poses to the marine environment and to life in the Pacific basin, and again call for an immediate and permanent end to such tests.

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ANNEX

Statement by the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific
issued at Santiago on 8 July 1991

There have been reports in the media relaying information provided by the Ministry of Defence of France to the effect that on 5 July 1991 France conducted a further nuclear test at Mururoa atoll. This was the fifth such test so far this year and the second since France submitted an arms control and disarmament plan.

This deplorable announcement compels the secretariat to state, once again, the categorical and utter rejection by the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific of such tests in view of the grave risk which they pose to the marine environment and marine resources and the fact that they are in direct contravention of the common policy of the member States of this regional maritime organization for the protection and defence of the marine environment and resources.

Accordingly the secretariat of the Commission, pursuant to the mandate conferred upon it by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the member States and the Permanent Commission, reiterates its urgent demand for the immediate and permanent cessation of such tests in the Pacific basin.
