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EFFECTS OF ATOMIC RADIATION

Letter dated 22 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 16 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.

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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, 24 June and 16 July 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 16 July 1991

France yesterday conducted another nuclear test at Mururoa Atoll, the sixth this year, according to information provided by the French Ministry of Defence.

In view of such a serious announcement, the secretariat of the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific (PCSP), faithful to its mandate and to the policy for the protection and defence of the marine environment and sea life adopted jointly by the Governments of Colombia, Chile, Ecuador and Peru as members of this regional maritime organization, reiterates its utter rejection of such tests and its strenuous protest against France's persistence in conducting them despite the grave risk they pose to the marine environment and its resources and the universal outcry of the peoples of the Pacific basin in general, and the member countries of the PCSP in particular, for the immediate and permanent cessation of such tests.
