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ZONE OF PEACE AND CO-OPERATION OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC

IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 44/104 CONCERNING
THE SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL I OF THE
TREATY FOR THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN LATIN AMERICA
(TREATY OF TLATELOLCO)

Letter dated 28 November 1990 from the Permanent Representatives
of Argentina and Brazil to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

We have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the Argentine-Brazilian Joint Declaration on Nuclear Policy signed by the President of the Argentine Republic, Mr. Carlos Saúl Menem, and by the President of the Federative Republic of Brazil, Mr. Fernando Collor, at Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil, on 28 November 1990.

We should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex distributed as a document of the General Assembly under agenda items 14, 31 and 45.

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ANNEX

Argentine-Brazilian Joint Declaration on Nuclear Policy issued
at Foz do Iguacú, Brazil, on 28 November 1990

The President of the Argentine Republic, Mr. Carlos Saúl Menem, and the President of the Federative Republic of Brazil, Mr. Fernando Collor, meeting at Foz do Iguacú, Brazil,

CONSIDERING:

Their decision to advance the ongoing integration process;

The importance of the use of nuclear energy solely for peaceful purposes for the scientific, economic and social development of both countries;

The commitments made in the Joint Declarations on Nuclear Policy of Foz do Iguacú (1985), Brasilia (1986), Viedma (1987), Iperó (1988) and Ezeiza (1988);

The reaffirmation of those commitments by both Presidents in the joint communiqué issued at Buenos Aires on 6 July 1990;

The progress achieved in bilateral nuclear co-operation as a result of joint efforts within the framework of the Agreement on Co-operation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy;

NOTING:

The efforts made by the Permanent Bilateral Committee on Nuclear Co-operation to enhance co-operation between the two countries in the areas of research, the exchange of information, industrial complementarity, the exchange of nuclear material, the development of joint projects and policy co-ordination;

The visits by the Presidents and technical experts of the two countries to each other's nuclear facilities, especially to the uranium enrichment plants at Pilcaniyeu and Iperó and the radiochemical process laboratories at Ezeiza, which are a clear indication of the level of mutual confidence achieved between Argentina and Brazil, and

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

The fact that the Permanent Committee has developed mechanisms for monitoring the two countries' nuclear activities which establish, *inter alia*, joint criteria for the classification of nuclear material and facilities and the determination of their importance, and provide for reciprocal inspections of all nuclear facilities,

HEREBY DECIDE:

1. To adopt the Joint Accounting and Control System agreed on by the Permanent Committee, which shall apply to all the nuclear activities of the two countries;
2. That, as an initial step, the following activities will be carried out within the next 45 days:
 - (a) The exchange of the respective lists describing all their nuclear facilities;
 - (b) The exchange of the statements of the initial inventories of nuclear material existing in each country;
 - (c) The first reciprocal inspections of centralized records systems;
 - (d) The presentation to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) of the records and reports system which is part of the Joint Accounting and Control System, with a view to bringing it into conformity with the records and reports which both countries submit to the Agency in accordance with the safeguards agreements in force;
3. To enter into negotiations with IAEA with a view to the conclusion of a joint safeguards agreement based on the Joint Accounting and Control System;
4. After the conclusion of the safeguards agreement with IAEA, to take appropriate action to permit the full entry into force for the two countries of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco), including action to update and improve its wording.
