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Letter dated 18 April 1986 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the
Permanent Mission of Bolivia to the United Nations addressed to
the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a press release issued on 16 April 1986 by the Bolivian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Public Worship, concerning the international incident in the Gulf of Sidra.

I should be grateful if you would have this text circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 69 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mary CARRASCO MONJE
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Press release issued on 16 April 1986 by the Bolivian Ministry
of Foreign Affairs and Public Worship

The Government of Bolivia, faithful to its unchanging principles, as traditionally demonstrated at international meetings and in international forums, condemns all forms of terrorism and irrational conduct, which cause death and destruction among innocent and defenceless people. It also deploras unilateral punitive measures, which endanger world security.

At the same time, Bolivia pursues a policy of peace, in the belief that differences between States must be settled through constructive dialogue, which improves the prospects for the creation of a better, more equitable and more balanced world, free from dependence and humiliation.

Within the framework of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, Bolivia firmly reiterates its commitment to the principles with which the international crime of terrorism is in conflict, principles ranging from non-aggression and non-interference to respect for the sovereignty, political independence, territorial integrity and self-determination of peoples. It takes the position that any armed aggression in the absence of a casus belli aggravates the world situation and dangerously exacerbates conflicts.

In this the International Year of Peace, Bolivia issues a fervent appeal to the parties involved in this distressing affair to desist from all acts of violence, which undoubtedly can only lead to heightened tension and create situations with unforeseeable consequences for mankind.

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