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THE SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL I OF THE
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Letter dated 24 June 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 14 June 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 agenda of the forty-sixth session.

* A/46/50.

Reaffirming the views set forth in their previous communications of 15 June, 9 and 11 July, and 21 and 28 November 1990, and 9 and 28 May 1991, the members of the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific reiterate their deep concern at, and vigorous objections to, France's continuation of the nuclear explosions, for they pose a serious threat to the marine environment and to life itself in the Pacific Basin.

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ANNEX

Statement issued at Santiago on 17 June 1991 by the
Permanent Commission for the South Pacific

On 14 June 1991, France carried out another nuclear explosion in the Polynesian archipelago, the fourth since it resumed such testing on 7 May 1991, as announced by the authorities of that European nation.

In the light of that announcement, it is the duty of this Secretariat - in fulfilment of its mandate from the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the countries of the regional maritime system of the South-East Pacific (Chile, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru), and from the Permanent Commission itself - to place on record, once again, its deep concern at, and vigorous objections to, the continuation of such nuclear explosions in the Pacific Basin.

Like the statements formulated by the Secretariat of the Commission whenever it has learned of such explosions, this statement is based on member States' common and coordinated policy for the protection of the marine environment, and their consequent rejection of, and categorical opposition to, such experiments, because of the serious threat which they pose to the marine environment, marine resources and life itself in the Pacific Basin.
