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Letter dated 20 November 1986 from the Permanent Representative
of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a letter dated 4 November 1986 from Mr. Edouard Saouma, Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), addressed to the Permanent Representative of Argentina to FAO.

The excerpt from the statement made by the late Assistant Director-General of the Fisheries Department of FAO, Mr. J. E. Carroz, accompanying said letter, establishes the precise terms of reference for the study on the fishery resources of the South West Atlantic being carried out by FAO.

I should like to request that this documentation should be circulated, as a matter of urgency, as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 28, and of the Security Council and that it should be brought to the attention of the Special Committee on the Situation with Regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

(Signed) Marcelo E. R. DELPECH
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Letter dated 4 November 1986 from the Director-General
of FAO addressed to the Permanent Representative of
Argentina to FAO

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 9 October on the conservation of the fishery resources of the South West Atlantic and to the conversation we had in my office on 10 October.

I would like to confirm that the purpose of the study that FAO is carrying out on that topic is the one which the late Jean Carroz, Assistant Director-General of the Fisheries Department, indicated orally when he addressed Committee I of the FAO Conference on 21 November 1985. For your information I am attaching the relevant portion of Mr. Carroz's statement.

I intend to make arrangements for your letter and this reply to be distributed to the States members of the Organization that are participating in the FAO study on the fishery resources of the South West Atlantic. From our conversation in my office on 10 October, I conclude that this will be a satisfactory response to the request by the Argentine authorities.

I shall also send copies of our correspondence to the Secretary-General of the United Nations in order to bring the matter to his attention for whatever purposes he deems appropriate.

Edouard SAOUMA

APPENDIX

Excerpt from the statement made on 21 November 1985 by the
Assistant Director-General of the FAO Fisheries Department
at the twelfth meeting of Committee I at the twenty-third
session of the FAO Conference

With the support of some delegations who spoke in plenary last week, the Director-General has agreed that FAO will carry out, within the limits of its competence and mandate as a specialized technical agency, an assessment of the state of fish stocks in the South West Atlantic, including migratory stocks on the Patagonia shelf.

Its report will also cover as far as possible the impact of fishing on the ecosystem of the area. Indeed, we have been following developments closely since 1983, and the document on the state of world fishery resources submitted to our Committee on Fisheries in April of this year draws attention to the seriousness of the situation. There are indications that the level of fishing efforts in the area might increase significantly in the forthcoming fishing season.
