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LETTER DATED 8 OCTOBER 2002 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CUBA ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT TRANSMITTING AN EXTRACT OF THE STATEMENT DELIVERED BY THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA HIS EXCELLENCY MR. FELIPE PÉREZ ROQUE ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2000 AT THE PLENARY MEETING OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

I have the pleasure to transmit herewith an extract of the statement delivered by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cuba, H.E. Mr. Felipe Pérez Roque, on 14 September 2002 at the plenary meeting of the fifty-seventh session of the United Nations General Assembly, where is announced the decision of the Government of the Republic of Cuba to accede to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and to ratify the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco).

I would be grateful if this document could be issued and circulated as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament.

(Signed:) Jorge Iván Mora Godoy  
Ambassador

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AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA HIS EXCELLENCY MR. FELIPE PÉREZ ROQUE  
ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2002 AT THE PLENARY MEETING OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH  
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Quote:

Until today, and despite the fact that it has not developed and has no intention to develop nuclear weapons ever, Cuba has not been a State Party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, for it is an insufficient and discriminatory instrument allowing the establishment of a club of nuclear powers without any concrete disarmament-oriented commitments. However, as a signal of the clear political will of the Cuban Government and its commitment to an effective disarmament process that ensures world peace, our country has decided to accede to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. In doing so, we reaffirm our hope that all nuclear weapons will be totally eliminated under strict international verification.

In addition, and despite the fact that the only nuclear power in the Americas pursues a policy of hostility towards Cuba that does not rule out the use of force, Cuba will also ratify the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean, known as Treaty of Tlatelolco, that had been signed by our country in 1995.

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