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**LETTER DATED 27 AUGUST 2003 FROM THE PERMANENT
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THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT TRANSMITTING
THE COMMUNIQUÉ ADOPTED BY THE RIO GROUP ON
26 AUGUST 2003 IN SUPPORT OF THE MULTILATERAL
TALKS ON THE SITUATION ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA**

The Permanent Mission of Peru to the international organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament and has the honour to forward the communiqué adopted by the Rio Group on 26 August 2003 in support of the multilateral talks on the situation on the Korean peninsula.

I should be very grateful if you could arrange for the document in question to be issued as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament and circulated to all member States of the Conference as well as non-member States participating in its work.

(Signed): Jorge Voto-Bernales
Ambassador

* Re-issued for technical reasons.

Annex

**COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE RIO GROUP IN SUPPORT
OF THE MULTILATERAL TALKS ON THE SITUATION
ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA**

On the eve of the start of the multilateral talks to be held in the People's Republic of China concerning the delicate current situation on the Korean peninsula, the Rio Group expresses its support to the Governments of the six countries which are shortly to gather in Beijing and encourages them to promote a final solution to the present crisis, reaffirming the commitments assumed by the international community in the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

In keeping with its communiqué on this situation issued on 16 January 2003, the Rio Group urges the countries directly involved in the talks which start tomorrow, 27 August, to do their utmost to ensure the success of their deliberations, thus fostering the maintenance of peace in the north-east Asian region. Similarly, the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean which are members of the International Atomic Energy Agency renew our firm commitment to the regime of denuclearization and the complete elimination of nuclear weapons, in the context of the aims set out in the Treaty of Tlatelolco and the Charter of the United Nations, reaffirming our conviction that, today more than ever, international security depends on multilateral action.

Lima, 26 August 2003

Interim secretariat of the Rio Group
