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Note verbale dated 7 June 1984 from the Permanent Mission of Peru to
the United Nations addressed to the United Nations Secretariat

The Permanent Mission of Peru to the United Nations presents its compliments to the United Nations Secretariat and has the honour to bring to its attention the text of the reply sent by the Foreign Minister of Peru to his Mexican counterpart

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endorsing the Declaration of the Heads of State or of Government of Argentina, Greece, India, Mexico, Sweden and the United Republic of Tanzania (A/39/277-S/16587, annex), and urging all nuclear-weapon States to reduce their holdings of such weapons.

The Permanent Mission of Peru would be grateful if the Secretariat would arrange to have the Peruvian reply circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 46, 47, 54, 55, 56, 58, 59, 60, 61, and 65 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

ANNEX

Lima, 31 May 1984

Sir:

I have the pleasure to write to you, Sir, in reference to your communication concerning the important declaration issued on 22 May of this year by the Heads of State or of Government of Mexico, Argentina, Greece, India, Sweden and the United Republic of Tanzania, which contains an appeal to the nuclear Powers to halt and reverse the arms race.

In the United Nations General Assembly, the Disarmament Commission, the Conference on Disarmament and other international forums, Peru has constantly reaffirmed its deep concern at the growing tensions in the world and the serious threat posed by nuclear weapons, which increase daily in number and sophistication as a result of the lavish expenditure on such weapons and the pursuit of their technical improvement, draining resources which could well be used to meet the pressing needs of mankind.

My country has fully shouldered its responsibilities for the maintenance of international peace and security as a State party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and the Treaty of Tlatelolco, realizing full well the necessity of an effort on the part of the entire international community to avert the present danger of nuclear war.

I therefore view as of the greatest importance the appeal which has just been made to the Governments of the United States, the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom, France and China to suspend the testing, production and emplacement of nuclear weapons and of systems for the launching of such weapons with the aim of achieving a substantial reduction in nuclear forces.

The danger of a nuclear war, which would engulf all mankind, makes it essential to promote joint action to halt and reverse the nuclear-arms race, for which a radical change in attitude is needed.

In that connection, I am gratified to communicate to you, Sir, on behalf of the Government of Peru, the latter's strongest support for the initiative embodied in the Declaration which you have transmitted to me.

I take this opportunity to renew to you, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sandro Mariategui Chiappe
President of the Council of Ministers
Minister for Foreign Affairs of Peru
