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LETTER DATED 5 JUNE 1984 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF PERU,
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT
TRANSMITTING THE TEXT OF A COMMUNICATION ADDRESSED BY
DR. SANDRO MARIATEGUI CHIAPPE, PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
OF MINISTERS AND MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF PERU,
TO LICENCIADO BERNARDO SEPULVEDA, MINISTER FOR FOREIGN
AFFAIRS OF MEXICO, ON 31 MAY 1984

I have the honour to transmit to you the text of a communication addressed by Dr. Sandro Mariátegui Chiappe, President of the Council of Ministers and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Peru, to Licenciado Bernardo Sepúlveda, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mexico, on 31 May 1984, conveying the fullest support of the Peruvian Government to the Declaration issued on 22 May 1984 by the Heads of State or Government of Argentina, Greece, India, Mexico, Sweden and Tanzania, in which they call on the nuclear Powers to halt and reverse the arms race.

I should be most grateful, Mr. President, if you would make arrangements to have the text of the attached communication circulated as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament.

(Signed) PETER CANNOCK
Ambassador
Head of the Delegation of Peru

Lima, 31 May 1984

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your communication concerning the important declaration issued on 22 May 1984 by Their Excellencies the Heads of State or Government of Mexico, Argentina, Greece, India, Sweden and Tanzania, in which they call on the nuclear Powers to halt and reverse the arms race.

Whether in the United Nations General Assembly, the Committee on Disarmament, the Conference on Disarmament or other international forums, Peru has constantly expressed its serious concern at the increasing tension in the world and at the serious threat posed by nuclear weapons, which, in an extravagance of expenditure and sophistication, are daily being multiplied and refined, draining resources that could very well be directed to meeting the pressing needs of mankind.

Aware of the need for an effort on the part of the entire international community to ward off the latent danger of nuclear war, my country has fully assumed its responsibilities in 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.

It therefore considers as extremely important the call that has just been made, urging the Governments of the United States, the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom, France and China to halt all testing, production and deployment of nuclear weapons and their delivery systems, to be immediately followed by substantial reductions in nuclear forces.

The danger of a nuclear war, which would affect the entire human race, makes it essential to co-ordinate action to halt and reverse the nuclear arms race — action that requires a radical change of attitude.

In this spirit, I am happy to express to Your Excellency, on behalf of the Government of Peru, the fullest possible support for the initiative taken in the declaration which Your Excellency transmitted to me.

I take this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

SANDRO MARIATEGUI CHIAPPE

President of the Council of Ministers
and Minister for Foreign Affairs of
Peru

His Excellency Licenciado Bernardo Sepúlveda
Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mexico