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QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS
IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO COLONIAL
AND OTHER DEPENDENT COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES

Note verbale dated 2 May 1984 from the Permanent Mission of
Uruguay to the United Nations Office at Geneva, addressed
to the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights

On instructions from its Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Permanent Mission of Uruguay has the honour to request the Assistant Secretary-General to rectify the vote cast by Uruguay on resolution 1984/54 concerning the human rights situation in the Islamic Republic of Iran, adopted on 14 March 1984 at the 58th meeting of the fortieth session of the Commission on Human Rights.

This vote, which appears in the records as a vote in favour of resolution 1984/54, should in fact be recorded as an abstention.

Unfortunately, Uruguay's delegation to the Commission's fortieth session, acting without instructions from its Ministry of Foreign Affairs, made the mistake of departing unjustifiably from Uruguay's traditional position of abstention on this subject, as reflected in the documents of the thirty-ninth session.

It was only yesterday that the mistake came to the notice of the Uruguayan Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Permanent Mission would be very grateful if the Assistant Secretary-General would take the necessary steps to ensure that Uruguay's abstention in the vote on Commission resolution 1984/54 is recorded in the appropriate manner.

Accordingly, the Uruguayan Permanent Mission would request you to transmit the text of this note to Mr. Peter Kooijmans, Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights, for inclusion in the report of the Commission on Human Rights to the Economic and Social Council, as an official document of its fortieth session.