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Chairman: Mr. Guillermo FLORES AVENDAÑO (Guatemala).

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GENERAL DEBATE (continued)

1. Mr. GONZALEZ CALVO (Guatemala) said that once again the United Kingdom had wrongfully transmitted, under Article 73 e of the Charter, information on the Guatemalan territory of Belize, improperly called British Honduras and illegally occupied by the United Kingdom. After quoting the statement made in that connexion by the Guatemalan Minister for Foreign Affairs to the General Assembly (1129th plenary meeting), he reminded the Fourth Committee that his Government expressly reserved its right to the territory of Belize and protested vigorously against the occupation of part of the national territory of Guatemala by the United Kingdom.
2. Mr. CARRANCO AVILA (Mexico) said that, bearing in mind the friendly ties which existed between the peoples and Governments of Guatemala and Mexico, he must reaffirm his Government's position, based on irrefutable historical and legal facts, that no change could legitimately be made in the status of Belize without the participation of Mexico and without taking into account the right of the people of Belize to achieve independence, if they so desired, through the free expression of their sovereign will.
3. Mr. GONZALEZ CALVO (Guatemala) maintained that there was no doubt about Guatemala's rights to the territory of Belize.
4. Mr. ROS (Argentina) said that each year his delegation formally reserved its position with regard to the transmission of information by the United Kingdom Government on the "Islas Malvinas". The transmission of such information did not affect the sovereignty of Argentina over those islands, which the United Kingdom held by an act of force never recognized by his Government. He reaffirmed his Government's inalienable rights over the "Islas Malvinas", the South Sandwich Island and the South Georgia Islands, which formed an integral part of the national territory of Argentina.

5. Mr. DE PINIES (Spain) formally reserved his Government's position with regard to the transmission of information by the United Kingdom Government on Gibraltar, the sovereignty over which rightfully belonged to Spain.

6. Mr. AGUERO (Chile) said that every year his delegation had reserved its rights over Chilean Antarctic territory, but as long as the Antarctic Treaty remained in force his delegation considered that it would be unnecessary to repeat its reservations each year. Inasmuch as Chile's rights were safeguarded by the Treaty, it would cease to make reservations on the point.

7. Mr. CALINGASAN (Philippines) said that his delegation had a reservation to make concerning sovereignty over one of the Territories on which information had been transmitted. His delegation was

not, however, prepared to make the statement at the present time and reserved the right to do so at a later meeting.

8. Mr. SANKEY (United Kingdom), replying to the delegations of Guatemala, Argentina and Spain, said that he was authorized to state that the United Kingdom Government had no doubts concerning its sovereignty over the territories of British Honduras, the Falkland Islands and the Falkland Islands Dependencies, and Gibraltar, and he wished formally to reserve its rights on those questions.

9. The CHAIRMAN said that since there were no further speakers on the list he would be obliged to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting rose at 11.15 a.m.