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LETTER DATED 30 APRIL 1963 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVES
OF BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, CHILE, ECUADOR AND MEXICO TO
THE UNITED NATIONS

Acting upon special instructions from our respective Governments, we have the honour to inform you that yesterday the Presidents of the five Latin American Republics which we have the honour to represent issued a Declaration, which reads as follows:

The Presidents of the Republics of Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador and Mexico,

Deeply concerned about the possible turn of events in the international situation, which is conducive to the spread of nuclear weapons,

Considering that, in virtue of their unchanging peace-loving traditions, the Latin American States should unite their efforts in order to turn Latin America into a denuclearized zone, thus helping to reduce the dangers that threaten world peace,

Wishing to preserve their countries from the tragic consequences attendant upon a nuclear war,

And spurred by the consideration that the conclusion of a Latin American regional agreement may contribute to the adoption of a contractual instrument of world-wide application,

In the name of their peoples and Governments have agreed as follows:

1. To announce forthwith that their Governments are prepared to sign a multilateral agreement whereby countries would undertake not to manufacture, receive, store or test nuclear weapons or nuclear launching devices;
2. To bring this declaration to the attention of the Heads of State of the other Latin American Republics, expressing the hope that their Governments will accede to it through such procedures as they consider appropriate;
3. To co-operate with one another and with such other Latin American Republics as accede to this Declaration, in order that Latin America may be recognized as a denuclearized zone as soon as possible.

Please arrange for this note to be circulated as an official document of the United Nations.

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(Signed) Geraldo de Carvalho Silos
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(Signed) Humberto Díaz Casanueva
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(Signed) Leopoldo Benitez
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