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DENUCLEARIZATION OF LATIN AMERICA

Letter dated 14 November 1963 from the representatives of
Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador and Mexico addressed to the
Secretary-General

Inasmuch as careful examination of document A/5415, dated 2 May 1963, has disclosed several substantive errors in the text of the Declaration on the denuclearization of Latin America which is reproduced in it, we should be grateful if you would arrange for this note, together with the annex containing the authentic text of the aforementioned Declaration, to be reproduced and circulated as an official United Nations document.

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ANNEX

Declaration on the denuclearization of Latin America drawn up
on 29 April 1963 by the Presidents of Bolivia, Brazil, Chile,
Ecuador and Mexico

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

Deeply concerned about the present 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 tradition, 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 hope that the conclusion of a Latin American regional
agreement will 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 Latin American agreement whereby their 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 procedure 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.