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PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE EIGHTEENTH SESSION

DENUCLEARIZATION OF LATIN AMERICA

Letter dated 9 August 1963 from the Permanent Representative of
Brazil to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Further to the note of 18 July 1963 of the Brazilian Mission on the inclusion in the provisional agenda of the eighteenth session of the General Assembly of the item "Denuclearization of Latin America", I have the honour to enclose an explanatory memorandum in accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

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Explanatory Memorandum

1. During the seventeenth session of the General Assembly, Brazil, together with Bolivia, Chile and Ecuador, submitted a draft resolution on the denuclearization of Latin America which was circulated in document A/C.1/L.312/Rev.2 of 13 November 1962. During its consideration by the First Committee, a large number of countries expressed their support, in principle, of the ideas set forth in the draft. The First Committee, with the acquiescence of the sponsors, decided that the draft was to be voted on during the next regular session of the General Assembly, thereby allowing the Member States more of an opportunity to study the subject whose relevance had been universally acknowledged.
2. In the interim, the Presidents of Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador and Mexico propounded a Declaration circulated as document A/5415, of 2 May 1963, the substantive part of which consists of the three following paragraphs:

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

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"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."

3. Brazil is of the understanding that the importance of the subject and the particular aspects thereof justify its consideration as a separate item of the agenda of the eighteenth session of the General Assembly and not merely as a sub-item under the question of complete and general disarmament. This procedure would in our view facilitate not only the examination of the question itself, but also the General Assembly's pronouncement on the matter.