BRAZIL AND MÉXICO

Declaration

on the denuclearization of Latin America

The delegations of Brazil and México have the honour to bring to the notice of the Conference of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament the "Declaration on the Denuclearization of Latin America" drawn up and approved jointly by the Governments of Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador and México on 29 April 1963.

On the instructions of their Governments, the two delegations are submitting the text of this Declaration and request the Secretariat to arrange for it to be circulated to all Member States as an official document of the Conference and to be included in the official records of this session.

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"The Presidents of the Republics of Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador and México, deeply concerned at current developments in the international situation which are conducive to the dissemination of nuclear weapons; considering that the Latin American States, impelled by their consistently peace-loving tradition, should combine their efforts to make Latin America a denuclearized zone, thereby helping to reduce the dangers threatening world peace; desiring to preserve their countries from the disastrous consequences which would result from a nuclear war; and encouraged by the hope that the conclusion of a Latin American regional agreement may contribute to the adoption of a contractual instrument on a world-wide scale.

On behalf of their peoples and Governments have agreed as follows:

1. To announce forthwith that their Governments are prepared to sign a Latin American multilateral agreement by which the 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 with the expressed wish that their Governments should accede to it by whatever procedure they deem appropriate;

3. To co-operate with each other and with the other Latin American countries acceding to this Declaration so that Latin America may be recognized as a demilitarized zone as soon as possible."

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