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DECLARATION BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF ARGENTINA, BRAZIL AND CHILE ON THE ENTRY INTO FORCE FOR THEM OF THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO

The attached text of a declaration by the Governments of Argentina, Brazil and Chile on the entry into force for them of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (Treaty of Tlatelolco), made on 26 August 1992 at the VII Special Session of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (OPANAL), held in Mexico City, is being circulated for the information of Member States at the request of the Permanent Missions of Argentina, Brazil and Chile.

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On behalf of the countries that originally proposed the amendments to the Tlatelolco Treaty which this Conference has just approved, I wish to express our deep gratitude to the sister nations of Latin America and the Caribbean for the expeditious manner and the atmosphere of solidarity in which the meeting was held.

We also express our sincere thanks to the Government of Mexico for the highly efficient arrangements made by it to ensure that our meeting was conducted with dispatch and achieved the success which we were looking forward to. Likewise we express our appreciation of the valuable co-operation extended by the OPANAL Secretariat to the work done here.

In this connection, on behalf of the Governments of Argentina, Brazil and Chile, I have pleasure in making the following declaration:

The Governments of the Argentine Republic, the Federative Republic of Brazil and the Republic of Chile, considering that under Article 28, paragraph (2), of the Treaty of Tlatelolco for the Prohibition of Muclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean all Signatory States have the imprescriptible right to waive, wholly or in part, the requirements laid down in Article 28, paragraph (1), and that they may do so by means of a declaration, which is to be annexed to their respective instruments of ratification and which may be formulated at the time of deposit of the instrument or subsequently, declare that, as soon as the three countries have completed the procedures for ratification of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Muclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean, as amended, they will waive all the requirements which have not yet been met and which are referred to in Article 28, paragraph (1) of the Treaty.