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AT THE

XXXV REGULAR SESSION OF THE

UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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NEW YORK,

September 24, 1980

MR. PRESIDENT :

ALLOW ME TO BEGIN THIS INTERVENTION WITH VERY SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF YOUR FUNCTIONS AS PRESIDENT OF THE THIRTY-FIFTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

THIS FORUM'S GOOD JUDGMENT IN DECIDING TO CHOOSE YOU AS ITS PRESIDENT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE REWARDED BY SUCCESS IN THE TASKS DERIVED FROM OUR CHARGED AGENDA AND, MAINLY, IN STRENGTHENING THE PURPOSES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER TOWARDS PEACE, SECURITY AND THE PROGRESS OF ALL PEOPLES.

THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, YOUR EXCELLENCE'S NOBLE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN, IS A NATION WITH WHICH THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC MAINTAINS FIRM RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION. WE OFFER HER ALSO OUR CONGRATULATIONS FOR THE HONOUR THAT HEADING THIS AUGUST ASSEMBLY IMPLIES.

IT IS EQUALLY APPROPRIATE TO RECALL THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICES OF AMBASSADOR SALIM AHMED SALIM, WHO CARRIED OUT BRILLIANTLY AND WITH PROVEN EFFICIENCY THE TASKS INHERENT IN THE PRESIDENCY OF THE THIRTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE SUCCEEDING SPECIAL SESSIONS OF THIS UNITED NATIONS BODY.

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JUST AS IN 1979 THE UNITED NATIONS REJOICED IN THE ADMISSION OF SAINT LUCIA AS A NEW MEMBER OF THE ORGANIZATION, THIS TIME WE WISH TO RATIFY AND REITERATE THE WELCOME WE GAVE, DURING THE ELEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO ZIMBABWE, ITS GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE, TO WHOM WE EXTEND OUR BEST WISHES FOR PEACE AND PROSPERITY. IN THIS WAY, WE NOW WISH TO EXPRESS OUR WARMEST ESTEEM FOR SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES, THE AMERICAN COUNTRY WHICH HAS JUST BEEN WELCOMED AS A FULL FLEDGED MEMBER OF OUR ORGANIZATION, CONFIDENT THAT IT WILL MAKE A CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE TASKS ENTAILED IN THE CONSOLIDATION OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY.

PEACE AND SECURITY

MR. PRESIDENT :

THE THREATS TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY THAT EXISTED A YEAR AGO HAVE NOT DISAPPEARED - ON THE CONTRARY, THEY HAVE INCREASED.

THIS ORGANIZATION HAD THE OPPORTUNITY, IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR, TO REVIEW THE PRESENT SITUATION IN THE ASIAN CONTINENT. THE GREAT MAJORITY OF COUNTRIES, AND AMONG THEM THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC, AFFIRMED ITS OPPOSITION TO ANY ACT IMPLYING THE VIOLATION OF THE POLITICAL RIGHTS OF STATES, AND, THEREFORE, THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER, WHICH MUST BE ADHERED TO EQUALLY BY ALL MEMBERS, WITHOUT EXCEPTION OF ANY SORT.

IN FACT, THESE SITUATIONS HAVE BEEN CREATED WITHIN AN INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT WHICH CONTINUES TO BE RULED BY THE AMBITIONS AND TENSIONS PREVAILING AMONG THE SUPER-POWERS. THEIR POWER APPEARS TO RESPOND TO NO OTHER PURPOSE THAN THEIR OWN SELF-PERPETUATION AND AGGRANDISEMENT, AT TIMES AT THE EXPENSE OF THE RIGHTS OF THE OTHER STATES AND THE POSSIBILITIES OF THE REST OF THE NATIONS, WHICH CONSTITUTE THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION.

THE INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL OUTLOOK AT PRESENT IS SUCH THAT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES APPEAR JUSTIFIED IN THEIR EFFORTS ZEALOUSLY TO DEFEND THEIR SOVEREIGNTY, THEIR INDEPENDENCE AND THEIR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, TO PROTECT THE AUTHORITY OF THIS ORGANIZATION AND TO ASSERT THEIR RIGHTS TO CONTRIBUTE ACTIVELY TO THE SOLUTION OF INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS AND PARTICIPATE AS EQUALS IN THE INITIATIVES AIMED AT THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ADVANCEMENT OF PEOPLES.

AS WE CAN SEE, THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION CONFRONTING US TODAY DIFFERS GREATLY FROM THE HOPES WHICH COULD HAVE ENTERTAINED UNTIL VERY RECENTLY, WHEN WE BELIEVED THAT WE WERE ADVANCING FIRMLY ON THE ROAD TO INTERNATIONAL DETENTE AND COOPERATION.

THEREFORE, IT IS NECESSARY FOR US, THE NATIONS BORN TO THE CALLING OF FREEDOM, TO REJECT FROM THE OUTSET ANY ATTEMPT TO IMPOSE ON US A CONFRONTATION IN WHICH NEITHER THE INTERESTS NOR THE WISHES OF OUR PEOPLE ARE AT STAKE.

AT THE SAME TIME, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ALL NATIONS, AND SPECIALLY THE TWO GREAT POWERS, ABSTAIN FROM INFRINGING ON THE PRINCIPLES OF NON-INTERFERENCE AND NON-INTERVENTION IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF STATES. THESE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MUST NOT BE IGNORED BY ANY NATION, OR BY ANY INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION, WHATEVER MAY BE THE MOTIVE OR PRETEXT GIVEN.

ONLY THE UNRESTRICTED ADHERENCE TO THESE PRINCIPLES WILL ENSURE A LASTING UNDERSTANDING AND REAL COOPERATION AMONG STATES. THE INEFFICIENT PATERNALISM OF THOSE WHO SEEK TO SUPER-IMPOSE THEIR JUDGMENT OVER THE SOVEREIGN WILL OF OTHER PEOPLES LEADS TO A RARIFIED INTERNATIONAL ATMOSPHERE WHICH IMPAIRS THE EFFORTS TOWARDS PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT.

MR. PRESIDENT :

THE COMPETITION BETWEEN THE SUPERPOWERS IS MOST CLEARLY EVIDENT IN THE ARMS RACE. IN THIS SPHERE, IN THE PERIOD SINCE THE LAST REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THERE HAVE BEEN ALARMING SIGNS. NOT ONLY HAS THE RATIFICATION OF THE SALT II TREATIES BEEN SUSPENDED, BUT THE PROSPECTS FOR THE START OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE FUTURE SALT III TREATIES APPEAR DISTANT.

THE TREND MARKED BY THESE SIGNS IS THUS NEGATIVE AND DENOTES THE WILLINGNESS OF THOSE STATES WITH THE MOST SOPHISTICATED AND NUMEROUS NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO CONTINUE TO SUBJECT THE REST OF THE WORLD TO A SORT OF TUTELAGE BY MEANS OF THE NUCLEAR TERROR.

THE REASONABLE LEVEL OF LEGITIMATE DEFENSE OF THE SUPERPOWERS HAS ALREADY FOR A LONG TIME BEEN GREATLY EXCEEDED. FURTHERMORE, THEY HAVE ENCROACHED ON THE SECURITY ENVIRONMENT OF ALL STATES, WITHOUT OFFERING ANY GUARANTEES OTHER THAN THOSE OF THE GOODWILL OF A FEW OR THE DUBIOUS SECURITY OFFERED BY COMPLEX ELECTRONIC DEVICES, WHICH ARE AS FALLIBLE AS THEIR OPERATORS.

IN ORDER TO SINCERELY DESIGNATE THE JUST STARTED DECADE AS THE "DECADE FOR DISARMAMENT", IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO RESPECT EGALITARIAN -NOT DISCRIMINATORY- AND EFFICIENT FOUNDATIONS WHICH WILL LET US ADVANCE ONCE AND FOR ALL TOWARDS GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT. THE PRIORITIES ESTABLISHED IN 1978 IN THE FINAL DOCUMENT OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEVOTED TO DISARMAMENT CLEARLY INDICATE THE STEPS TO BE TAKEN. WE CANNOT ALLOW SECONDARY ISSUES TO SERVE AS AN EXCUSE TO POSTPONE THE SOLUTION OF MORE IMPORTANT ISSUES ON WHICH A CONSENSUS HAS ALREADY BEEN REACHED. IN THIS REGARD, IT IS CLEAR THAT ABOVE ALL THERE IS A FUNDAMENTAL OBJECTIVE WHICH CONSISTS IN ARRESTING AND REVERSING THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE, UNTIL IT IS COMPLETELY ELIMINATED.

PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT

MR. PRESIDENT:

WE HAVE ALREADY REFERRED TO SOME OF THE STRUCTURAL CHARACTERISTICS AND SITUATIONS OF THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, WHICH AFFECT THE STABILITY OF PEACE AND SECURITY. BUT IT HAS BEEN SAID, WITH GOOD SENSE, THAT THE ABSENCE OF WAR IS NOT ENOUGH IN ORDER TO LIVE IN PEACE.

THE FINAL ENJOYMENT OF PEACE IMPLIES THAT EACH PEOPLE IS IN A POSITION TO MAKE ITS OWN ORDER, HAS THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO DEVELOP ITS ECONOMY, IS CAPABLE OF TRADING WITH

OTHER NATIONS AND PROVIDING FOR THE HEALTH AND EDUCATION OF ITS POPULATION, AND THAT IT CAN, LASTLY, LIVE A WORTHY LIFE OF WORK IN FREEDOM. ONLY THUS, PEACE WILL BE COMPLEMENTED WITH THE NECESSARY SECURITY WHICH DEVELOPMENT BRINGS.

THESE ASPIRATIONS ARE FRUSTRATED WHENEVER A SYSTEM OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS REMAINS THAT IS UNJUST SINCE IT BASES THE WELFARE OF CERTAIN NATIONS NOT ONLY ON THEIR OWN LABOUR, BUT ALSO ON A MEAGER PAYMENT FOR THE EFFORTS OF OTHER NATIONS.

ONLY A FEW DAYS AGO, A MOST SERIOUS INTENT TO REFORMULATE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER FOUND ITSELF FRUSTRATED BY THE INTRANSIGENCE OF SOME DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. WE ARE ALL IN AGREEMENT THAT WORLD ECONOMY IS GOING THROUGH A PERIOD OF GRAVE DIFFICULTIES. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES IT SEEMS EVIDENT THAT TO TRY TO OVERCOME THE CRISIS BY MEANS OF A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION SHOULD FIND NO OPPOSITION.

NEVERTHELESS, THE PROPOSAL OF THE GROUP OF 77 TO CELEBRATE, DURING 1981, A NEW ROUND OF GLOBAL NEGOTIATIONS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE NORTH SOUTH DIALOGUE, HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THREE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, ALLEGING THAT THEY FIND UNACCEPTABLE THE PROCEDURAL FRAMEWORK PROPOSED DURING THE ELEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY. IN VIEW OF THE PRESENT STATE OF THE DIALOGUE, THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC REITERATES BEFORE THIS ASSEMBLY ITS WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE TO UNDERTAKE ALL THE NECESSARY EFFORTS

FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO ARRIVE AT A GENUINE CONSENSUS OVER ALL ASPECTS RELATED TO PREPARING A NEW ROUND OF GLOBAL NEGOTIATIONS.

ARGENTINA, THE ONLY DEVELOPING COUNTRY MEMBER OF THE FOOD AID AGREEMENT, HAS DONATED SIGNIFICANT QUANTITIES OF GRAIN TO NUMEROUS COUNTRIES IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD, THUS CONTRIBUTING WITHIN ITS POSSIBILITIES TO THE FULFILLMENT OF THEIR FOOD NEEDS AND ALLOWING THEM TO CONCENTRATE THEIR EFFORTS IN OTHER FIELDS OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. OUR COUNTRY HAS ALSO SOLIDARITY RESPONDED WITH PROVISIONS AND MEDICINES TO AID COUNTRIES IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS, OUR GREATEST SATISFACTION RESIDING IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT, BY WAY OF EXPRESSIONS OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE RECIPIENT COUNTRIES, WE HAVE BEEN HELPFUL.

ON THE OTHER HAND, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS FOR HUMAN LIFE, SUCH AS FOOD AND MEDICINES, SHOULD BE USED AS A MEANS OF POLITICAL OR ECONOMICAL PRESSURE.

HUMANITARIAN QUESTIONS

THE RULES OF THE GAME PREVAILING IN THE INTERNATIONAL ORDER RENDER THE ATTEMPT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE POLITICALLY OF HUMANITARIAN ISSUES UNACCEPTABLE. THOSE WHO TAKE SUCH AN ATTITUDE EXPOSE THEMSELVES TO THE CENSURE OF INTERNATIONAL OPINION, TO THE DISTRUST OF STATES AND TO THE SQUANDERING OF EFFORTS DIRECTED TO A STERILE OBJECTIVE, FURTHERING ELECTORAL AIMS OR PROVOKING THE CONFRONTATION OF PEOPLES.

THE SERIOUSNESS OF THESE ATTITUDES INCREASES WHENEVER ARGUMENTS ARE APPLIED IN A SELECTIVE MANNER, AND WHERE THE STRATEGIC RISKS OF THE OCCASIONAL ACCUSERS ARE

SMALLER.

THE POLITICAL EVOLUTION OF EACH NATION, WITH ITS ACHIEVEMENTS AND HARDSHIPS, IS THE ONLY AND EXCLUSIVE RESPONSIBILITY OF THAT NATION, AND THOSE WHO SEEK TO TEACH LESSONS FROM ABROAD ARE COMMITTING AN ERROR WITH CONSEQUENCES INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO ELIMINATE.

NOR HAS THE VIOLATION OF THE NORMS WHICH HAVE, SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL, GIVEN DIPLOMATIC AGENTS IMMUNITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DELICATE FUNCTIONS THEY MUST CARRY OUT, CONTRIBUTED TO PEACE AND SECURITY. THE INTERESTS OF THE ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY ARE AFFECTED WHEN THESE NORMS ARE INFRINGED.

SIMILARLY, THE PERPETRATION OF CRIMINAL ATTEMPTS SUCH AS THOSE THAT ARE ALARMLY TAKING PLACE AT AN INCREASING RATE ALL OVER THE WORLD, AGAINST REPRESENTATIVES AND DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS, MUST BE THE OBJECT OF MORE DECISIVE ACTION WITH A VIEW TO ITS TOTAL ELIMINATION.

LATIN AMERICA

THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC IS A LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRY, FOR ITS GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION AS WELL AS FOR ITS CULTURE AND VOCATION. IT IS BECAUSE OF THIS THAT I COULD NOT OMIT FROM THIS CONTEXT A REFERENCE TO A PROMISING EVENT FOR OUR REGION AND, CONSEQUENTLY, FOR THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN GENERAL.

THE PROCESS OF LATIN AMERICAN INTEGRATION HAS GAINED RENEWED MOMENTUM WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR LATIN AMERICAN INTEGRATION (ALADI), COMPOSED OF ELEVEN COUNTRIES WHOSE FOREIGN OR OTHER MINISTERS SIGNED ITS CONSTITUTIONAL TREATY IN MONTEVIDEO, IN AUGUST OF THIS YEAR. THE PROSPECTS OPENED UP BY THIS INSTRUMENT EXCEED THOSE THAT WERE CONSIDERED POSSIBLE BY THE PRECEDING LATIN-AMERICAN FREE TRADE ASSOCIATION (LAFTA), AFTER TWENTY YEARS OF HARD BUT POSITIVE EFFORTS. FROM THE MOMENT THE ECONOMIC PLURALISM EXISTENT IN LATIN AMERICA IS ACKNOWLEDGED, ALADI WILL MAKE ACCESS TO THE DESIRED OBJECTIVE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LATIN AMERICAN COMMON MARKET POSSIBLE IN THE LONG TERM.

ALSO, IT WILL ENABLE ITS SIGNATORIES TO UNDERTAKE STEPS TO ESTABLISH AND INTENSIFY THE LINKS OF SOLIDARITY AND CO-OPERATION WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND INTEGRATION AREAS IN WHICH THESE ARE ACTIVE, IN HARMONY WITH THE NORMATIVE PRINCIPLES AND ENGAGEMENTS ASSUMED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE DECLARATION AND PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, AND OF THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES.

WE ALSO WISH TO EXPRESS OUR SATISFACTION FOR THE UNDENIABLE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS ACHIEVED BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE LAW OF THE SEA DURING ITS LAST SESSION IN GENEVA. IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT OUR LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES HAVE GONE FORTH AND MADE A GREAT CONTRIBUTION IN THIS IMPORTANT MATTER. WE TRUST THAT DEFINITE AGREEMENTS BE SPEEDILY REACHED.

IN THE SAME WAY, IT IS NECESSARY TO COUNT AMONG THE EVENTS THAT GIVE US JUSTIFIED SATISFACTION THE STAGE REACHED BY THE RELATIONS BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL, WHICH HAS BEEN DEMONSTRATED IN VISITS AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF THE GOVERNMENT AND IN THE SIGNING OF IMPORTANT AGREEMENTS IN THE ECONOMIC, TECHNOLOGICAL, TRADE, ENERGY AND NUCLEAR FIELDS.

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OUR RELATIONS WITH OUR NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES AND OTHERS OF LATIN AMERICA HAVE FOUND THEMSELVES MARKED BY A POSITIVE SIGN AND WITHIN THE INTENSITY OBTAINED BY THOSE RELATIONS WE WISH TO POINT OUT THAT OUTSTANDING IMPORTANT WORKS OF PHYSICAL INTEGRATION WITH THE COUNTRIES OF THE RIVER PLATE BASIN AND THE INCREASE OF IMPORTS FROM THOSE COUNTRIES IN NEARLY EIGHTY PER CENT IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS. THIS GROWTH IS IN ITSELF ELOQUENT.

MEDIATION BY THE HOLY SEE

MOREOVER, IT IS IMPORTANT TO REITERATE ON THIS OCCASION ARGENTINA'S GRATITUDE TO HIS HOLINESS POPE JOHN PAUL II FOR THE CONTINUED AND INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION HE HAS BEEN MAKING TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF ARGENTINA AND CHILE IN THE SEARCH FOR AN EQUITABLE AND HONOURABLE SOLUTION TO THE DISPUTE WITH RESPECT TO THE SOUTHERN ZONE OF THE AMERICAN CONTINENT, IN COMPLIANCE OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE MONTEVIDEO AGREEMENT OF 8 JANUARY, 1979.

MIDDLE EAST

MR. PRESIDENT:

THIS ASSEMBLY WILL BE FACED, FOR THE SECOND TIME IN THE COURSE OF THE YEAR, WITH THE QUESTION OF PALES-

TINE, THE HEART AND THE CRUX OF THE CRISIS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE PREVIOUS OPPORTUNITY, LAST JULY, WAS GIVEN BY THE EMERGENCY SESSION, CONVENED ON THE INITIATIVE ESPECIALLY OF THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES.

THE POSITION OF THE ARGENTINE DELEGATION AT THAT TIME -WHICH WE NOW RATIFY- CONSISTS IN OUR SUPPORT OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE TO ITS SELF-DETERMINATION, TO ITS TAKING COMPLETE ROOTS AS A SOVEREIGN STATE, TO BE REPRESENTED AND DECIDE ITS FUTURE IN FREEDOM.

AT THAT TIME, WE REJECT THE UNILATERAL AND ARBITRARY MEASURES ADOPTED BY ISRAEL IN THE TERRITORIES OCCUPIED SINCE 5 JUNE 1967. MOREOVER, WE BELIEVE THAT THE CITY OF JERUSALEM MUST BE PUT UNDER A SPECIAL REGIME, RECOGNIZED BY ALL PARTIES AND IN AGREEMENT WITH THE RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

BY APPEALING ONCE MORE TO THE ISRAELIS AND THE PALESTINIANS TO ACCEDE TO ACKNOWLEDGE MUTUALLY THEIR LEGITIMATE RIGHTS, WE EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF PEACE AND AWAY FROM ALL FORMS OF VIOLENCE, THEY MAY FULLY ASSUME THEIR RESPONSABILITIES TO A WORLD WHOSE TENSIONS ARE REACHING A HEIGHTENED DEGREE OF DANGER.

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WE ALSO URGE ALL THE PARTIES INVOLVED TO MAKE MAJOR EFFORTS TOWARDS PEACE IN LEBANON. WE FERVENTLY HOPE THAT THIS LONG-SUFFERING NATION MAY PRESERVE, IN ITS ENTIRETY, ITS SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, AND THAT ALL ACTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST ITS INHABITANTS CEASE.

SOUTHERN AFRICA

ANOTHER AREA WHICH MY COUNTRY CONTEMPLATES WITH ALARM IS SOUTHERN AFRICA. OUR SATISFACTION AT THE INDEPENDENCE OF ZIMBABWE WAS NOT FOLLOWED BY OTHER POSITIVE EVENTS IN THAT AREA.

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IS STILL AWAITING THE END OF THE ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF NAMIBIA. THIS TERRITORY, MUST ACCEDE TO SOVEREIGNTY IN THE ENTIRETY OF ITS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. THIS SITUATION MUST STOP, AS ITS PERSISTENCE PUTS ON TRIAL THE APPLICATION OF THE PRINCIPLES AND DECISIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, AND, AT THE SAME TIME, CONSTITUTES A SIGNIFICANT DANGER TO THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF AFRICA AND THE ENTIRE WORLD. THIS WE AFFIRM WHILE WELCOMING IN ADVANCE THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA WHO WILL SOON VISIT THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

MY COUNTRY WISHES TO REITERATE MOST CATEGORICALLY ITS TOTAL REJECTION OF APARTHEID AND OF ANY FORM OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. THESE SYSTEMS, WHICH OFFEND THE MORAL CONSCIENCE OF ALL NATIONS AND, IN OUR CASE, OPPOSE THE CHRISTIAN TRADITIONS WE WERE BROUGHT UP ON, ARE THE ROOT OF MORE SUFFERING AND FUTURE CONFLICTS. WE HAVE NO GUARANTEE THAT THE VIOLENCE THEY ARE CREATING WILL BE LOCALIZED AND WILL RESPECT THE FRONTIERS OF THOSE COUNTRIES INVOLVED. THERE IS, THEREFORE, A DOUBLE IMPERATIVE, MORAL AND POLITICAL, TO CONDEMN CLEARLY ALL FORMS OF APARTHEID AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.

NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES

BECAUSE OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE RISKS CONFRONTING MANKIND IT IS MOST NECESSARY FOR THE MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES TO CONTINUE TO EXERCISE ACTIVELY ITS ROLE WITHOUT SETTING ASIDE ITS ORIGINAL PRINCIPLES. THIS PRESUPPOSES THE REAFFIRMATION OF THE INDEPENDENCE AND THE EQUIDISTANCE THAT WERE ITS BIRTHMARK, AND WHICH IT MUST PRESERVE BY ANY MEANS SO THAT ITS GREAT INFLUENCE IN WORLD AFFAIRS MAY KEEP UP WITH THE EXIGENCIES OF THE TIMES.

ONLY THUS THE MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES WILL BE THE REFLECTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SENSE OF RESPONSABILITY OF A DISTINGUISHED NUMBER OF STATES, WHICH, OVER AND ABOVE THEIR POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DIFFERENCES, ATTEMPT

TO DIRECT INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS TOWARDS THE FULL RESPECT FOR NON-INTERVENTION THROUGH SOLIDARY CO-OPERATION AMONG PEOPLES.

THE MALVINAS ISLANDS

MR PRESIDENT:

YEAR AFTER YEAR, ARGENTINA HAS GIVEN REPEATED PROOF OF MODERATION AND PATIENCE WITH RESPECT TO THE USURPATION BY FORCE BY THE UNITED KINGDOM OF A PART OF ITS NATIONAL TERRITORY, THE MALVINAS ISLANDS.

THIS ORGANIZATION IS WELL AWARE OF THE BACKGROUND OF THIS QUESTION AND HAS NOT CEASED TO URGE THE ARGENTINE AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS TO PUT AN END TO THE OCCUPATION OF THE ISLANDS. MOREOVER, AND IN AN EXEMPLARY MANNER, THE HEADS OF STATE OR OF GOVERNMENT OF THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH ARGENTINA'S RIGHTS OF SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE MALVINAS ISLANDS.

WE MUST ALSO POINT OUT THE VAST INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT WHICH ARGENTINA RECEIVES FOR ITS CLAIM AS WELL AS OUR WILL TO REACH SOON A SOLUTION BY MEANS OF NEGOTIATIONS ENDING IN THE DEFINITE RECOGNITION OF ARGENTINE SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE AFOREMENTIONED TERRITORIES BY THE UNITED KINGDOM. AS IT IS WELL KNOWN, ARGENTINA HAS MADE A SERIES OF EFFORTS TO MEET THE

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INTERESTS OF THE SMALL NUCLEOUS OF INHABITANTS OF THE ISLANDS AND HAS OFFERED THE NECESSARY SAFEGUARDS AND GUARANTEES TO THOSE INHABITANTS.

IT IS PRECISELY AT THIS TIME, ON THE OCCASION OF THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 1514 (XV), THAT WE MUST REAFFIRM OUR SUPPORT FOR ITS PROVISIONS AND REDOUBLE OUR EFFORTS FINALLY TO CONCLUDE WITH COLONIALISM IN THE WORLD.

IT WAS BY VIRTUE OF THIS RESOLUTION THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADOPTED RESOLUTION 2065 (XX), IN WHICH THE SAID NEGOTIATIONS OF THE MALVINAS ISLANDS ARE BASED.

MR PRESIDENT:

I HOPE THAT, AT THE END OF THESE SESSIONS, WE WILL BE ABLE TO STATE THAT THE TASKS IN THIS ASSEMBLY WERE FRUITFUL, THAT PEACE IS POSSIBLE, AND THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK RESOLUTELY FOR ITS CONSOLIDATION.

THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

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