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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR MUNIZ OF
ARGENTINA IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON GRENADA ON 26 OCTOBER
1983:

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MR PRESIDENT, I THANK YOU AND THE COUNCIL FOR HAVING
RESPONDED TO OUR REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEBATE ON A
SERIOUS QUESTION CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AS A
WHOLE AND MORE SPECIFICALLY OUR OWN REGION.

THE COUNCIL HAS BEEN CONVENED IN AN EMERGENCY MEETING TO
ANALYSE THE SITUATION CREATED BY THE INVASION OF GRENADA BY A
MILITARY FORCE MADE UP OF TROOPS OF THE UNITED STATES AND SOME
CARIBBEAN STATES. IT IS CLEAR THAT THIS ACT CONSTITUTES A
VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER,
WHICH FORBID THE USE OF FORCE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND
INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER STATES.

THE INVASION OF GRENADA REPRESENTS AGGRESSION AGAINST A
MEMBER STATE OF THE UNITED NATIONS. THIS ACT, WHICH IS GRAVE IN
ITSELF, IS EVEN MORE DANGEROUS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE EXISTING
TENSION IN THE REGION. THE POLICY OF CONFRONTATION AND
INTERVENTION IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SOVEREIGN COUNTRIES OF
OUR CONTINENT IS REACHING ALARMING PROPORTIONS, AND WE SHOULD
LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR PROFOUND CONCERN AT THIS FACT.

ARGENTINA DEPLORES THE TRAGIC INTERNAL EVENTS THAT HAVE
RECENTLY TAKEN PLACE IN GRENADA AND THE INVASION OF THAT COUNTRY,
AND WE SUPPORT RESTORATION OF THAT COUNTRY'S FULL SOVEREIGNTY AS
WELL AS WITHDRAWAL OF THE INVADING FORCES.

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I WOULD RECALL THAT THROUGHOUT ITS HISTORY MY COUNTRY HAS ALWAYS SUPPORTED AND DEFENDED MOST STRONGLY THE PRINCIPLES THAT PRESERVE THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, INDEPENDENCE AND SECURITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. IN STATING THESE VIEWS I AM MERELY REITERATING THE DOCTRINE SUPPORTED BY SOME OF THE MOST OUTSTANDING ARGENTINE STATESMEN, SUCH AS COMO CALVO, ROQUE SAENZ PENA, HONORIO PUEYRREDON AND CARLOS SAAVEDRA LAMAS, WHO POINTED OUT THAT THE SOVEREIGNTY OF STATES CONSISTS IN ABSOLUTE RIGHT, FULL INTEGRITY AUTONOMY AND COMPLETE EXTERNAL INDEPENDENCE.

INTERNATIONAL COEXISTENCE AND THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY ARE BASED ON RESPECT FOR THE DIFFERENT POSITIONS OF STATES, WITHOUT WHICH WE SHOULD BE LED INTO CHAOS AND IRREVERSIBLE CONFRONTATION.

THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERVENTION IS EXPLICITLY ENSHRINED IN ARTICLE 2 (7) OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER. MOREOVER IT IS MOST FIRMLY SUPPORTED BY THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AND HAS BEEN REITERATED IN THE DECLARATION ON THE INADMISSIBILITY OF INTERVENTION AND INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF STATES, IN THE DRAFTING OF WHICH MY DELEGATION TOOK AN ACTIVE PART. NO ONE MUST ATTEMPT TO CHANGE BY FORCE THE SITUATION OF A SOVEREIGN STATE BY OCCUPYING ITS TERRITORY MILITARILY.

GUYANA AND NICARAGUA, COUNTRIES OF OUR REGION AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL HAVE PRESENTED THE DRAFT RESOLUTION IN DOCUMENT S/16077. MY GOVERNMENT, WHICH HOPES THAT THE COUNCIL WILL RESPOND APPROPRIATELY TO THE EVENTS IN GRENADA, BELIEVES THAT THE DRAFT RESOLUTION CONTAINS THE NECESSARY AND BASIC ELEMENTS FOR A SPEEDY AND SATISFACTORY SOLUTION OF THE PRESENT SITUATION IN GRENADA AND THEREFORE FIRMLY SUPPORTS IT.

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