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Letter dated 6 June 1983 from the Acting Permanent Representative
of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you the letter of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China, dated 22 April 1983, in reply to a letter of the Senate of the Congress of the Union of the United Mexican States, and request that it be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 63 of the preliminary list.

(Signed) LIANG Yufan
Acting Permanent Representative
of the People's Republic of China
to the United Nations

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ANNEX

Letter dated 22 April 1983 from the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China to the Senate of the Congress of the Union of the United Mexican States

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The Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China presents its greetings to the Senate of the Congress of the Union of United Mexican States and is pleased to learn of the agreement it reached on 12 November 1982. We highly appreciate the persistent efforts made by the Congress of the Union of United Mexican States to achieve the sublime objective of disarmament.

The Chinese people consequently supports the international disarmament efforts, which help to consolidate world peace and the security of all nations, and the Chinese Government endorses the resolution on the world disarmament campaign adopted by the United Nations.

It is evident from the present-day world reality that the ever-growing arms race and global struggle between the two super-Powers with the largest arsenals of nuclear and conventional weapons constitutes the most serious threat to world peace. The demand of the peoples of the world that these super-Powers should take the lead by sharply reducing their nuclear and conventional weapons is entirely necessary and reasonable. Once that demand has been met the other nuclear and major military powers will, in turn, have to reduce their respective armaments by the agreed reasonable percentage and according to the agreed procedure. This is the right and viable path towards disarmament.

For many years and on many occasions China has solemnly stated to the whole world that China is working for a total ban on and the final destruction of nuclear weapons. Prior to reaching this objective, at no time and under no circumstances will China be the first to use nuclear weapons and it will not use them, unconditionally, against non-nuclear States. This reflects the will and intention of the Chinese people to safeguard international justice and world peace. The Chinese people is prepared to fight together with the other peoples of the world to promote the disarmament process.

Inspired by the desire for ever intensified contacts and strengthened co-operation with the Congress of the Union of United Mexican States, the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China takes this opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration.
