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Letter dated 9 October 1987 from the Permanent Representatives
of Argentina, Greece, India, Mexico, Sweden and the United
Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations addressed to
the Secretary-General

We have the honour to request you to have circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 49, 50, 56, 57, 59, 62, 63, 66, and 69, and of the Security Council, the text of the joint statement issued on 7 October 1987 by His Excellency Mr. Raúl Alfonsín, President of Argentina,

His Excellency Mr. **Andreas G.** Papandreou, Prime Minister of Greece, His Excellency Mr. **Rajiv** Gandhi, Prime Minister of India, His Excellency Mr. Miguel de la Madrid, President of Mexico, His Excellency Mr. Ingvar Carlsson, Prime Minister of Sweden and His **Excellency** Mr. Julius Nyerera, First President of Tanzania, regarding the **agreement** in principle reached on 18 September 1987 between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, on the global elimination of all land-based intermediate nuclear **missiles** (see annex) ,

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ANNEX

Joint statement issued on 7 October 1987 by the President of Argentina, the Prime Minister of Greece, the Prime Minister of India, the President of Mexico, the Prime Minister of Sweden and the First President of the United Republic of Tanzania

The Six Nation Initiative for Peace and Disarmament warmly welcomes the agreement in principle of 18 September 1987 between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, on the global elimination of all land-based intermediate nuclear missiles. This is a historic first step in the direction of our common goal, namely, total nuclear disarmament. We sincerely congratulate President Reagan and General Secretary Gorbachev for the efforts they have made in order to bridge the gap separating their views,

In our last joint statement of 22 May 1987 (A/42/319, annex), issued on the third anniversary of our Initiative, we stressed that "an agreement to eliminate all intermediate nuclear forces from Europe would be of considerable significance" since it would constitute the crossing of an important psychological threshold within the framework of the nuclear disarmament dialogue. The significance of the agreement between the two super-powers goes beyond its objective, since historically, it will be the first agreement on the world-wide elimination of a whole category of nuclear weapons, thus reversing the trend prevailing so far in the nuclear-arms race.

The expectations of the world are now focused on the next Summit Meeting between the Leaders of the United States and the Soviet Union. Expressing the aspirations of all peoples of the world, we believe that it would provide an ideal opportunity for the realization of the next important steps towards nuclear disarmament. Specifically, it is urgent to conclude agreements on the reduction of strategic arms, the complete halting of nuclear testing and on the prevention of an arms race in outer space. The recent agreement proves that, given political will, all obstacles can be removed.

We have consistently campaigned for the achievement of total nuclear disarmament. We are determined to continue our efforts and to press by all possible means for a safer world, free from nuclear arms.

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