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## CESSATION OF ALL NUCLEAR-TEST EXPLOSIONS

Note verbale dated 25 August 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the letters addressed to you by the General Secretariat of the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific (CPPS) (annexes I and II) and the text of the statements issued by the Commission on 11 May and 8 June of this year on the subject of nuclear explosions conducted at the Mururoa Atoll.

I should be grateful if, in accordance with the request by the General Secretariat of CPPS, you would arrange for the statements to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under item 52 of the provisional agenda.

Enrique PEÑALOSA  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX I

Letter dated 20 May 1988 from the Acting Secretary-General of  
the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific addressed to  
the Secretary-General

Protest by the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific  
against the nuclear explosion conducted on 11 May 1988 at  
the Mururoa Atoll

In accordance with the intention I announced in my telex of today, and further to that communication, I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the statement issued today by the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific (CPPS) concerning the nuclear explosion conducted by France on 11 May at the Mururoa Atoll, in which CPPS reiterates its opposition to and strongly protests against such nuclear explosions and calls for their immediate and definitive cessation.

I should be very grateful if you would kindly arrange for the text of the statement to be circulated to the representatives of the States Members of the United Nations.

(Signed) Teodoro BUSTAMANTE MUÑOZ  
Acting Secretary-General of CPPS

## APPENDIX

### Statement issued by the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific on 11 May 1988

1. On 11 May 1988 France conducted another nuclear explosion at the Mururoa Atoll, having estimated force of between 20 and 25 kilotons.
2. The second meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States members of the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific (CPPS), held at Viña del Mar, Chile, in February 1984, reaffirmed the unswerving and categorical opposition of their Governments to the conduct of nuclear exploration and the dumping of radioactive wastes, especially in the Pacific Basin, as a violation of their common policy on the protection of the marine environment and called for the immediate and definitive cessation of those activities.
3. The 18th ordinary meeting of the Permanent Commission, held in the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, in August 1985, instructed the Secretary-General, in pursuance of that common policy, to continue to protest on behalf of that maritime organisation of the South American Pacific countries whenever any further nuclear explosions are conducted in the region,
4. Accordingly, on behalf of the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific (CPPS), the Secretary-General once again draws attention to the serious danger posed by nuclear explosions to the marine environment and its resources, reiterates the Commission's opposition to and strong protest against such activities, and calls for their immediate and definitive cessation.

ANNEX II

Letter dated 8 June 1988 from the Secretary-General of the  
Permanent Commission for the South Pacific addressed to  
the Secretary-General

Protest b y the Permanent Commission for the S o u t h  
against the nuclear explosion conducted on 26 May 1988 at  
the Mururoa Atoll

In accordance with the intention I announced in my telex of 8 June, and further to that communication, I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the **statement** issued today by the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific (CPPS) concerning the nuclear explosion conducted by France on 26 May at the Mururoa Atoll, in which CPPS reiterates **its opposition** to and **strongly protests** against such nuclear explosions and calls for their immediate and definitive cessation.

I **should** be very grateful if you would kindly arrange for the text of the **statement** to be circulated to the representatives of the States Members of the United Nations.

(Signed) Joaquin FONSECA TRUQUE  
Secretary-General of CPPS

APPENDIX

Statement issued by the Permanent Commission  
for the South Pacific on 8 June 1988

1. On 26 May 1988 France conducted another nuclear explosion at the Mururoa Atoll, having an estimated force of 80 kilotons.
2. The second meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States members of the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific (CPPS), held at Viña del Mar, Chile, in February 1984, reaffirmed the unswerving and categorical opposition of their Governments to the conduct of nuclear explosion and the dumping of radioactive wastes, especially in the Pacific Basin, as an expression of their common policy on the protection of the marine environment and called for the immediate and definitive cessation of those activities.
3. The 18th ordinary meeting of the Permanent Commission, held in the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, in August 1985, instructed the Secretary-General, in pursuance of that common policy, to continue to protest on behalf of that maritime organization of the South American Pacific countries whenever any further nuclear explosion are conducted in the region.
4. Accordingly, on behalf of the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific (CPPS), the Secretary-General once again draws attention to the serious danger posed by nuclear explosions to the marine environment and its resources, reiterates the Commission's opposition to and strong protest against such activities, and calls for their immediate and definitive cessation.

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