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IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 45/48 CONCERNING
THE SIGNATURE **AND** RATIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL I OF THE
TREATY FOR THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN LATIN AMERICA
AND THE CARIBBEAN (TREATY OF TLAHELCO)

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IN THE ATMOSPHERE, IN OUTER SPACE AND UNDER WATER

URGENT NEED FOR A COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR-TEST-BAN TREATY

GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT⁸ NOTIFICATION OF NUCLEAR
TESTS; PROHIBITION OF THE DUMPING OF RADIOACTIVE WASTES

EFFECTS OF ATOMIC RADIATION

Letter dated 3 June 1991 from the Permanent Representatives
of Chile, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

On behalf of the members of the Permanent Commission for the South
Pacific, we have the honour to request that the attached statement, which was
issued by the secretariat of the Commission on 26 May 1991, be circulated as
an official document of the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session under
items 50, 51, 53, 60 (a) and (i) and 70 of the preliminary list.

* A/46/50.

Reaffirming the views set forth in their previous communications of 15 June, 9 and 11 July, 21 and 28 November 1990 and 9 May 1991, the members of the Permanent *Commission* for the South Pacific once again express their categorical and *unswerving* opposition to the conduct of nuclear tests by France *in view* of the dangerous consequences which the dumping of radioactive waste has for the marine environment and marine resources. Further, they deplore the continuance of testing by France despite widespread protests, in particular by the peoples of the Pacific basin, and wish to stress that they will *continue* to maintain their demands for the immediate and permanent cessation of such disquieting tests.

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ANNEX

Statement by the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific
issued at Santiago on 28 May 1991

In connection with reports that on 3.8 May 1991 a further nuclear explosion was carried out at Muroroa atoll following the nuclear explosion conducted at that same test site on 7 May 1991, the secretariat of the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific, in the discharge of the mandate conferred upon it by the Governments of the member States of this regional maritime organisation in the south-east Pacific, reaffirms the statement it issued on 9 May 1991, after the first such explosion, and reiterates once again the categorical and unswerving opposition of those States to such tests, which constitute a serious threat to the marine environment and marine resources.

The secretariat of the Commission deeply deplores the continuance of testing by France despite widespread protests, in particular by the peoples of the Pacific basin. The secretariat of the Commission will continue to maintain its demand for the immediate and permanent cessation of such disquieting tests.