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LETTER DATED 2 DECEMBER 1964 FROM THE DEPUTY
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF MEXICO TO THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL

As you are aware, the General Assembly at its last regular session adopted resolution 1911 (XVIII). In that resolution it noted with satisfaction the initiative for the denuclearization of Latin America taken in the joint declaration of 29 April 1963, which was circulated to Member States,^{1/} and in paragraph 2 it expressed the hope that the States of Latin America would initiate studies, as they deemed appropriate, and by the means and through the channels which they deemed suitable, concerning the measures that should be agreed upon with a view to achieving the aims of the said declaration.

A Preliminary Meeting on the Denuclearization of Latin America was held in the Mexican capital from 23 to 27 November 1964. That Meeting adopted a resolution concerning the transmission of its Final Act to the United Nations. I take pleasure in submitting to you the Final Act in question, together with a covering letter signed by the Chairman of the above-mentioned Preliminary Meeting, so that it may be circulated to Member States as a document of the current General Assembly.

(Signed) Francisco CUEVAS CANCINO
Deputy Permanent Representative of
Mexico to the United Nations
Chargé d'Affaires, a.i.

^{1/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Nineteenth Session, Annexes,
agenda item 74, document A/5415/Rev.1.

PRELIMINARY MEETING
ON THE DENUCLEARIZATION
OF LATIN AMERICA

Mexico City, 27 November 1964

Sir,

The Preliminary Meeting on the Denuclearization of Latin America, at its closing meeting held today, adopted a resolution entitled "Transmission of the Final Act to the United Nations", in which it resolved:

"To ask the Chairman of the Meeting to transmit the text of this Final Act to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, with the request that it should be circulated as a General Assembly document for the information of the Members of the United Nations, in connexion with paragraph 2 of resolution 1911 (XVIII)."

In accordance with the above-mentioned resolution, I have the honour to transmit to you five copies of the Final Act in question.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Alfonso GARCIA ROBLES
Ambassador

Chairman of the Preliminary Meeting on
the Denuclearization of Latin America

Five enclosures

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Secretary-General of the United Nations
New York

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FINAL ACT OF THE PRELIMINARY MEETING ON THE DENUCLEARIZATION
OF LATIN AMERICA

held at Mexico City from 23 to 27 November 1964

FINAL ACT

The Preliminary Meeting on the Denuclearization of Latin America was held at Mexico City from 23 to 27 November 1964, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2 of resolution 1911 (XVIII) of the United Nations General Assembly and in response to the invitation extended by the Government of Mexico.

The seventeen Latin American Republics which, together with the membership of their respective delegations, are listed below, and which all voted in favour of the above-mentioned resolution at the eighteenth session of the General Assembly, were represented at the Meeting as follows:

Argentina	Representative:	Ambassador Silvano Santander.
	Alternate representative:	Mr. Fidel González Paz.
Bolivia	Representative:	Ambassador Roberto Querejazu Calvo.
Brazil	Representative:	Ambassador José Sette Camara.
	Alternate representative:	Mr. Octavio Luiz de Berenguer Cesar.
	Advisor:	Mr. Marcos Castrioto de Azambuja.
Chile	Representative:	Ambassador Alberto Sepúlveda Contreras.
	Alternate representative:	Mr. Aurelio Fernández García-Huidobro.
Colombia	Representative:	Mr. Carlos Escallón Villa.
Costa Rica	Representative:	Ambassador Fernando Parrenechea C.

Dominican Republic	Representative:	Ambassador José Antonio Fernández Caminero.
Ecuador	Representative:	Ambassador Leopoldo Benites Vinueza.
El Salvador	Representative:	Ambassador Rafael Eguizábal Tobías.
Haiti	Representative:	Ambassador Julio Jean Pierre-Audain.
Honduras	Representative:	Ambassador Federico Poujol.
	Alternate representative:	Mrs. Clotilde Aguilar de Colmant.
	Alternate representative:	Mr. Manuel Camero.
Mexico	Representative:	Ambassador Alfonso García Robles.
	Alternate representative:	Ambassador Ismael Moreno Pino.
	Advisor:	Mr. Jesús Cabrera Muñoz-Iedo.
	Advisor:	Mr. Angel López Padilla.
	Advisor:	Dr. Carlos Graef Fernández.
Nicaragua	Representative:	Ambassador Alejandro Argüello Montiel.
Panama	Representative:	Mr. José B. Calvo.
Paraguay	Representative:	Ambassador J. Natalicio González.
	Alternate representative:	Mr. Alberto Preda Illamosas.
Peru	Representative:	Ambassador Álvaro Rey de Castro.
Uruguay	Observer:	Mr. Anibal Abadie-Aicardi.

The Meeting's deliberations were conducted in accordance with the rules of procedure of the United Nations General Assembly.

The Meeting's agenda consisted of the two following items:

1. Measures that should be agreed upon with a view to achieving the purposes of the denuclearization of Latin America as set forth in the Declaration of 29 April 1963 and reiterated in resolution 1911 (XVIII) of the United Nations General Assembly.
2. Preliminary examination of the principal considerations involved in the conclusion of a contractual instrument on the denuclearization of Latin America.

At the opening meeting, the following officers were appointed by acclamation:

Chairman:

Ambassador Alfonso García Robles,
Representative of Mexico.

Vice-Chairmen:

Ambassador José Sette Camara,
Representative of Brazil.

Ambassador Rafael Eguizábal Tobías,
Representative of El Salvador.

Ambassador Carlos Peón del Valle served as General Secretary of the Meeting, to which office he had been appointed earlier by the Government of Mexico.

Mr. Donaciano González served as Deputy Secretary and Mr. Antonio González de León, Mr. Sergio González Gálvez and Mr. José Luis Vallarta as Assistant Secretaries.

As a result of its discussions, the Preliminary Meeting unanimously adopted the following resolutions:

I

Reaffirmation of the proposed denuclearization of Latin America

The Preliminary Meeting on the Denuclearization of Latin America,
Considering

That the growing spread of nuclear weapons tends to increase international tension and the risk of world war,

That for the purposes of the Meeting "denuclearization" shall mean the absence of nuclear weapons and nuclear launching devices,

That the peaceful use of nuclear energy is very important for economic and scientific development,

Decides

1. To reaffirm the aims set forth in the joint Declaration of 29 April 1963 and ratified in resolution 1911 (XVIII) of the United Nations General Assembly on the denuclearization of Latin America;

2. To stress the advisability of promoting international co-operation for the peaceful use of nuclear energy, especially for the benefit of the developing countries.

II

Establishment of a Preparatory Commission for the Denuclearization of Latin America

The Preliminary Meeting on the Denuclearization of Latin America Decides

1. To establish a Preparatory Commission for the Denuclearization of Latin America, which shall have its headquarters in Mexico and be composed of the seventeen Latin American Republics which have participated in the Meeting and those which subsequently accede to this resolution.

The Commission shall elect its Chairman and the other officers which it deems appropriate, and shall adopt its own rules of procedure;

2. To instruct the Preparatory Commission to prepare a preliminary draft of a multilateral treaty for the denuclearization of Latin America and, to this end, to undertake the preparatory studies and measures which it considers appropriate.

The Commission shall constitute from its membership the working groups which it deems necessary and which shall perform their functions either at the headquarters of the Commission or elsewhere, as appropriate, and a committee to co-ordinate their work, to be called the "Co-ordinating Committee".

At the beginning of its work, the Commission shall consider the ideas expressed during the discussions at the Preliminary Meeting and reported in its records.

In fulfilling its mandate, the Commission shall act in the light of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and of regional agreements;

3. To recommend that the Preparatory Commission should give priority in its work to the following matters:

(a) the definition of the geographical boundaries of the area to which the treaty should apply;

(b) the methods of verification, inspection and control that should be adopted to ensure the faithful fulfilment of the obligations contracted under the treaty;

(c) action designed to secure the collaboration in the Commission's work of the Latin American Republics that were not represented at the Preliminary Meeting;

(d) action designed to ensure that the extra-continental or continental States which, in addition to the Latin American Republics, exercise de jure or de facto international responsibility for territories situated within the boundaries of the geographical area to which the treaty applies, agree to contract the same obligations with regard to those territories as the above-mentioned Republics contract with regard to their own;

(e) action designed to obtain from the nuclear Powers a commitment to the effect that they will strictly respect the legal instrument on the denuclearization of Latin America as regards all its aspects and consequences;

4. To fix Monday, 15 March 1965, as the date of the first meeting of the Preparatory Commission in Mexico City;

5. To request the Governments of the seventeen Latin American Republics which have participated in the Preliminary Meeting to designate their respective representatives to the Preparatory Commission sufficiently in advance of the date specified in the preceding paragraph;

6. To request the Government of Mexico to appoint the General Secretary of the Preparatory Commission and to provide suitable premises and the necessary staff for the secretariat of the Commission.

III

Tribute to President Adolfo López Mateos

The Preliminary Meeting on the Denuclearization of Latin America,

Considering

That His Excellency don Adolfo López Mateos, President of the United Mexican States, in carrying out an international policy of peace aimed at the fulfilment of the highest human ideals, has been a dynamic and enthusiastic champion of the proposals for the denuclearization of Latin America,

That the personal initiative displayed in his letter of 21 March 1963 led to the joint Declaration of 29 April of that year, which is one of the basic documents setting forth the ideal of freeing Latin America from the scourge of nuclear war,

That, through his Government's efforts, this Preliminary Meeting on the Denuclearization of Latin America has been held in an atmosphere of cordiality, freedom and true Americanism,

Decides to place on record its tribute to the eminent American citizen, His Excellency don Adolfo López Mateos, President of the United Mexican States.

IV

Vote of thanks

The Preliminary Meeting on the Denuclearization of Latin America,
Considering

The exceptional efficiency and flawless organization with which the relevant services of the Mexican Government have ensured the progress of its work and the full achievement of its objectives,

Decides to address a vote of thanks to the said Government, with a special word of praise for Ambassadors Alfonso García Robles and Carlos Peón del Valle and their colleagues for their invaluable services.

V

Transmission of the Final Act to the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Inter-American Nuclear Energy Commission

The Preliminary Meeting on the Denuclearization of Latin America

Decides to request the General Secretary of the Meeting to transmit the text of this Final Act to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency and to the Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Nuclear Energy Commission, in connexion with resolution I, paragraph 2.

VI

Transmission of the Final Act to the United Nations

The Preliminary Meeting on the Denuclearization of Latin America

Decides to ask the Chairman of the Meeting to transmit to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the text of this Final Act, with the request that he

should have it distributed as a General Assembly document for the information of Members of the United Nations in connexion with resolution 1911 (XVIII), paragraph 2.

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This Final Act was unanimously adopted by the Preliminary Meeting on the Denuclearization of Latin America at its closing meeting on Friday, 27 November 1964, the first anniversary of the adoption of resolution 1911 (XVIII).
