



Nineteenth session

LETTER DATED 14 APRIL 1965 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BRAZIL
TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

In my capacity as First Vice-Chairman of the Preparatory Commission for the Denuclearization of Latin America, I have the honour to forward, herewith, a copy of the Final Act of the first session of that Commission held in Mexico City between 15 and 22 March 1965.

In accordance with resolution 4 of the same Commission, I request that the above-mentioned text be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, following paragraph 2 of resolution 1911 (XVIII).

(Signed) José SETTE CAMARA
First Vice-Chairman of the Preparatory
Commission for the Denuclearization of
Latin America

PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE
DENUCLEARIZATION OF LATIN AMERICA

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FINAL ACT

of the

FIRST SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE
DENUCLEARIZATION OF LATIN AMERICA

held at Mexico City, from 15 to 22 March 1965

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Mexico City, D.F., 22 March 1965

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Sir,

At its sixth meeting, on 19 March 1965, the Preparatory Commission for the Denuclearization of Latin America adopted a resolution (resolution 4), entitled "Transmittal of the Final Act to the United Nations", in which it decided:

"To ask the Chairman of the Commission 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."

In accordance with the resolution quoted above, I have the honour to transmit to you five copies of the aforesaid Final Act, which was unanimously adopted by the Commission at the closing meeting of its first session today.

Accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) Alfonso GARCIA ROBLES
Chairman of the Preparatory Commission for
the Denuclearization of Latin America

His Excellency U Thant
Secretary-General of the United Nations
New York, N.Y.

FINAL ACT

The first session of the Preparatory Commission for the Denuclearization of Latin America was held at Mexico City from 12 to 22 March 1965, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 4 of resolution II of the Preliminary Meeting on the Denuclearization of Latin America and the notice given by the General Secretary on 26 February 1965.

The Latin American Republics which, together with the membership of their respective delegations, are listed below were represented at the session:

<u>Argentina</u>	Representative:	Ambassador Silvano Santander
	Alternate	
	representative:	Mr. Samuel Daien
<u>Bolivia</u>	Alternate	
	representative:	Mr. Walter Arce Pacheco
<u>Brazil</u>	Representative:	Ambassador José Sette Câmara
	Alternate	
	representative:	Mr. Octavio Luiz de Berenguer Cesar
	Adviser:	Mr. Marcos Castrioto de Azambuja
<u>Chile</u>	Representative:	Ambassador Horacio Suárez Herreros
	Alternate	
	representative:	Mr. Enrique Cobo del Campo
<u>Colombia</u>	Representative:	Mr. Carlos Escallón Villa
	Alternate	
	representative:	Mr. Jorge Quintero y Quintero
<u>Costa Rica</u>	Representative:	Ambassador Fernando Barrenechea
	Alternate	
	representative:	Mr. Carlos A. Moreno
<u>Dominican Republic</u>	Representative:	Ambassador José Antonio Fernández Caminero
	Alternate	
	representative:	Mr. Tulio Enrique Martí Brenes
<u>Ecuador</u>	Representative:	Ambassador Fernando Chaves
<u>El Salvador</u>	Representative:	Ambassador Rafael Eguizábal Tobías
<u>Haiti</u>	Representative:	Ambassador Julio Jean Pierre Audain
<u>Honduras</u>	Representative:	Ambassador Federico E. Poujol
	Alternate	
	representative:	Mr. Manuel Gamero

Mexico Representative: Ambassador Alfonso García Robles
Alternate
representative: Ambassador Ismael Moreno Pino
Advisers: Mr. Jesús Cabrera Muñoz-Ledo
Mr. Edmundo Castro Villarreal
Mr. Agustín Muñoz de Cote
Mr. Carlos Graef Fernández

Nicaragua Representative: Ambassador Alejandro Argüello Montiel
Alternate
representative: Mr. Santos Vanegas Gutiérrez

Panama Representative: Ambassador José B. Cárdenas
Alternate
representative: Mr. José B. Calvo

Paraguay Representative: Ambassador J. Natalicio González

Feru Representative: Ambassador Alvaro Rey de Castro
Adviser: Mr. Noé Hernán Ramírez Lituma

Uruguay Representative: Ambassador Enrique Rodríguez Fabregat
Alternate
representative: Mr. Aníbal Abadie-Aicardi
Adviser: Mr. Alfredo Giró

Venezuela Representative: Ambassador Rolando Salcedo Delima

The Government of Guatemala accredited Mr. Francisco Linares Aranda, its Ambassador to Mexico, as observer.

The Government of the Netherlands accredited Mr. L.A.M. Lichtveld as observer.

The Government of Yugoslavia accredited Mr. Dalibor Soldatic, its Ambassador to Mexico, as observer.

The deliberations of the Preparatory Commission were centred upon the following item which appeared in its agenda:

Preparation of the preliminary draft of a multilateral treaty for the denuclearization of Latin America and, to that end, execution of the preparatory measures and studies referred to in resolution II of the Preliminary Meeting on the Denuclearization of Latin America.

At its first meeting, the Preparatory Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairman: Ambassador Alfonso García Robles, representative of Mexico.

Vice-Chairmen: Ambassador José Sette Câmara, representative of Brazil, and
Ambassador Rafael Eguizábal Tobías, representative of El Salvador.

Ambassador Carlos Peón del Valle, having been appointed by the Government of Mexico in accordance with paragraph 6 of resolution II of the Preliminary Meeting on the Denuclearization of Latin America, served as General Secretary of the Preparatory Commission.

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

During its discussion at the first and second meetings, on 15 and 16 March 1965, the Preparatory Commission took note of the communications addressed to the General Secretary by the diplomatic missions of Guatemala and the Netherlands accredited to Mexico concerning the attendance of its meetings by observers from their respective countries. Accordingly, the Commission welcomed Mr. Francisco Linares Aranda as the observer appointed by the Government of Guatemala. At its second meeting, the Commission also agreed to authorize its officers to admit observers from any State Member of the United Nations which notified the General Secretary of its desire to send observers. From the 3rd meeting on 17 March 1965 onwards Mr. L.A.M. Lichtveld, with the consent of the officers of the Commission, attended the meeting, as observer for the Government of the Netherlands, and from the 7th meeting onwards Mr. Dalibor Soldatic, Ambassador of Yugoslavia to Mexico, who was appointed as observer by his Government, was also present.

At its 2nd meeting, on 16 March 1965, the Preparatory Commission adopted its rules of procedure. The text of the rules of procedure is set out in document COPREDAL/3, dated 17 March 1965.

As a result of its discussions, the Preparatory Commission unanimously adopted the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION 1

Organization of the work of the Preparatory Commission for the
Denuclearization of Latin America

The Preparatory Commission for the Denuclearization of Latin America, Bearing in mind the provisions of resolutions I and II adopted by the Preliminary Meeting on the Denuclearization of Latin America, and in particular the task entrusted to the Commission in paragraph 2 of resolution II, namely, "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",

Recalling that the Preliminary Meeting decided, in the same paragraph, that the Preparatory Commission for the Denuclearization of Latin America "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'",

Recalling further that the Preliminary Meeting, in paragraph 3 of the above-mentioned resolution, recommended that the Commission should give priority in its work to the matters specified in that paragraph,

Noting that, under rule 14 of its rules of procedure, the Commission agreed that "the Co-ordinating Committee shall be composed of the Chairman of the Commission, who shall preside, the two Vice-Chairmen or their representatives, and the Chairmen of the working groups or their representatives. The Commission shall delegate to the Committee such functions as it may deem appropriate",

Considering that the General Assembly of the United Nations, in its resolution 1911 (XVIII) entitled "Denuclearization of Latin America", requested the Secretary-General of the United Nations "to extend to the States of Latin America, at their request, such technical facilities as they may require in order to achieve the aims set forth in the present resolution",

Decides

I

That the Co-ordinating Committee, constituted in accordance with the provisions of rule 14 of the rules of procedure of the Preparatory Commission for

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the Denuclearization of Latin America, shall have its headquarters at Mexico City, and shall be responsible for the performance of the following functions and of such other functions as may hereafter be delegated to it by the Commission:

- (a) Co-ordination of the work of the working groups of the Commission, and
- (b) Consideration of material received from the working groups or prepared or compiled by the Committee itself, as it deems appropriate, for subsequent use in the formulation of the preliminary draft of a multilateral treaty for the denuclearization of Latin America which the Commission is instructed to prepare.

II

To establish three working groups having headquarters, membership and functions specified below:

Working Group A

Working Group A shall have its headquarters at United Nations Headquarters in New York City, shall be composed of the representatives of Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Panama and Uruguay, and shall be responsible for the performance of the following functions:

1. Definition of the geographical boundaries of the area to which the multilateral treaty to be concluded for the denuclearization of Latin America shall apply,
2. Action designed to secure the collaboration in the Commission's work of any Latin American Republic which is not yet a member of the Commission and of all other sovereign States, present or future, situated within the prospective boundaries of the area, and
3. Action designed to ensure that the extra-continental or continental States which, in addition to the Latin American Republics and the sovereign States referred to above, exercise de jure or de facto international responsibility for territories situated within the boundaries of the geographical area in question, agree to contract the same obligations with regard to those territories as the above-mentioned Republics and States contract with regard to their own, it being understood that the act of treating with the Power which at present exercises control over a given territory claimed by one of the Latin American Republics in no

way prejudices the political status of that territory and cannot be interpreted in a manner prejudicial to the interests of that Republic.

Working Group B

Working Group B shall have its headquarters at Mexico City, shall be composed of the representatives of El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Paraguay and Peru, and shall be responsible for effecting a study on the methods of verification, inspection and control which should be adopted to ensure the faithful fulfilment of the obligations contracted under the treaty.

Working Group C

Working Group C shall have its headquarters at United Nations Headquarters in New York City, shall be composed of the representatives of Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Nicaragua and Venezuela, and shall be responsible for 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. The Latin American representatives in the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament, which meets at Geneva, shall effect liaison between the Working Group and the Committee in respect of those aspects of the Working Group's work for which such liaison may be desirable.

III

In accordance with the provisions of rules 16 and 17 of the rules of procedure of the Preparatory Commission, a majority of the members of the Co-ordinating Committee or of the Working Groups shall constitute a quorum, and shall in either case be governed by the terms of those rules of procedure.

IV

The Co-ordinating Committee may request of the Secretary-General of the United Nations such technical facilities as it may deem necessary for the better performance of its functions. The Working Groups may do likewise, through the Co-ordinating Committee, as regards their respective functions.

V

The Working Groups shall transmit to the Co-ordinating Committee on 1 July 1965 interim reports on their work, and on 1 August 1965 the reports which they are required to submit, through the Committee, to the Preparatory Commission for consideration at its second session.

VI

The Preparatory Commission shall hold its second session at Mexico City from Monday, 23 August 1965, onwards.

(Adopted at the 6th meeting, on 19 March 1965)

RESOLUTION 2

Draft resolution submitted by the Argentine Republic on the establishment of a Latin American Standing Committee on Denuclearization

The Preparatory Commission for the Denuclearization of Latin America, Having taken cognizance, with the greatest interest, of the draft resolution submitted by the delegation of the Argentine Republic and reproduced in document COPREDAL/L/1 of 15 March 1965,

Expressing its gratitude to the delegation of the Argentine Republic for the valuable contribution which the draft resolution represents for the future progress of its work,

Considering, however, that the said draft resolution contains provisions of an executive character, since the proposed Latin American Standing Committee on Denuclearization would be responsible for "the organization, regulation, control, execution and supervision of the verification and implementation of the decisions taken by the Preparatory Commission for the Denuclearization of Latin America",

Decides

That the Argentine draft resolution shall be referred to the Co-ordinating Committee, which shall give it due consideration and shall, at such time as it deems appropriate in the light of the course of the work of the Preparatory Commission, propose its inclusion in the agenda of one of the forthcoming sessions of the Commission.

(Adopted at the 6th meeting, on 19 March 1965)

RESOLUTION 3

Vote of thanks

The preparatory Commission for the Denuclearization of Latin America,
Considering

That the welcome extended to the Commission in Mexico by His Excellency Mr. Gustavo Díaz Ordaz and the Government of Mexico has contributed greatly to the achievement of its purposes,

That the contributions of the Chairman of the Commission, Ambassador Alfonso García Robles, and of the Vice-Chairmen, Ambassador José Sette Câmara and Ambassador Rafael Eguizábal Tobías, have been most valuable,

That the secretariat of the Commission has performed its functions with great efficiency,

Decides

To address to His Excellency Mr. Gustavo Díaz Ordaz, President of the United Mexican States, an expression of its gratitude for the hospitality extended to the Commission and the impetus thus given to its work;

To congratulate Ambassador Alfonso García Robles on the results of the deliberations over which he presided, extending those congratulations also to Ambassador José Sette Câmara and Ambassador Rafael Eguizábal Tobías;

To express its appreciation for the services of the General Secretary, Ambassador Carlos Peón del Valle, and his colleagues.

(Adopted at the 6th meeting, on 19 March 1965)

RESOLUTION 4

Transmission of the Final Act to the United Nations

The Preparatory Commission for the Denuclearization of Latin America

Decides

To ask the Chairman of the Commission 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.

(Adopted at the 6th meeting, on 19 March 1965)

This Final Act was unanimously adopted by the Preparatory Commission for the Denuclearization of Latin America at the closing meeting of its first session, on Monday, 22 March 1965.
