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RESOLUTION 170 (VIII)

REPORT ON THE INTRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS BY THE UNITED KINGDOM
OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND INTO THE ZONE AND AREAS OF
THE MALVINAS, SOUTH GEORGIAS AND SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS

The General Conference,

Considering that the Governments of the States signatories to the Treaty of Tlatelolco have expressed categorically their determination that nuclear energy be used in Latin America exclusively for peaceful purposes, and, to that end, reaffirm their sovereign decision to establish a military nuclear-free Zone to keep its territories free, for ever from nuclear weapons;

Considering that the Argentine Republic has alleged in different international fora the presence of nuclear weapons in the British naval forces which operated in the area defined by paragraph 2 of Article 4 of the Treaty as a result of the conflict in the Malvinas/Falkland, South Georgias and South Sandwich Islands, stressing in the light of this event, the significance of the fact that the States which possess nuclear weapons carry out operations in which nuclear energy has been used for non-peaceful purposes;

Considering that spokesmen of the United Kingdom Government had declared on several occasions that it would not be in the interests of national security to depart from the established practice observed by successive Governments, neither to confirm nor deny the presence or absence of

nuclear weapons in a particular place at any particular time;

Considering that the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland has made the declaration which appears in document S/Inf. 261 dated May 11, 1983;

Mindful that the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (OPANAL) must ensure compliance with the obligations of the Treaty of Tlatelolco;

Reaffirming the need for the existence of a balance of responsibilities and obligations for the States which possess nuclear weapons and those which do not,

Resolves:

1. To take note with concern of the allegations formulated by the Argentine Government regarding the introduction of nuclear weapons, on the part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in areas included in the geographical Zone defined by paragraph 2 of Article 4 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco.
2. To take note of the statement by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to which the fourth paragraph of the preamble of this Resolution refers and which in its relevant paragraphs expresses: "The Government of the United Kingdom has scrupulously observed its obligations under Additional Protocol I to the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and has not deployed nuclear weapons in areas for which de jure or de facto it is internationally responsible and lie within the limits of the geographical Zone established in that Treaty. Further the Government has scrupulously observed its obligations under Additional Protocol II to the Treaty and has not deployed nuclear weapons in areas for which the Treaty is in force."
3. To take note of the important statements and declarations made by the delegations of the Argentine and United Kingdom in this General

Conference.

4. To express its concern over the fact that nuclear propelled submarines have been used in warlike actions in areas falling within the geographical Zone defined by paragraph 2 of Article 4 of the Treaty.

5. To urge all States for which the Treaty and its Additional Protocols are not in force, to take the necessary action in accordance with Article 28, to finalize the process of military denuclearization of the Zone of application as defined in paragraph 2 of Article 4 of the Treaty.

6. Reaffirm the commitment of all States bound by the Treaty and its Additional Protocols, to refrain from engaging in all activities which may endanger the military nuclear-free statute of Latin America, and to entrust to the Council of the Agency to oversee its strict compliance.

7. To transmit to the United Nations General Assembly at its 38th Session and to the Committee on Disarmament the text of this Resolution, together with all the statements on the subject made at this Conference.

(Adopted on the Forty-ninth Session,
held on May 19, 1983)