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HELD FROM 4 TO 7 SEPTEMBER 1985

The attached excerpt from the Final Declaration of the Conference of Foreign Ministers of Non-Aligned Countries held in Luanda, Angola, from 4 to 7 September 1985 is being circulated at the request of the Resident Representative of Argentina.

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EXCERPT FROM THE
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VII. PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY

65. The Ministers, recalling the decisions of the Non-Aligned Countries, stressed the exceptional importance of international co-operation among the Non-Aligned and other developing countries in the field of peaceful uses of nuclear energy. This co-operation is of special significance in fields where these countries can achieve a greater degree of self-sufficiency.

66. The Ministers affirmed the inalienable right of all States to apply and develop their programmes for peaceful uses of nuclear energy for economic and social development in conformity with their priorities, interests and needs. All States should have unhindered access to and be free to acquire technology, equipment and materials on a non-discriminatory basis for peaceful uses of nuclear energy, taking into account the particular needs of the developing countries. They deplored the pressures and threats against developing countries aimed at preventing them from pursuing their programmes for the development of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes.

67. They also expressed their concern in this respect regarding the obstacles which the developed countries place in the way of transfer of technologies related to the peaceful uses of atomic energy by fixing conditions which are incompatible with the sovereignty of the developing countries. Each country's choices and decisions in the field of peaceful uses of nuclear energy should be respected without jeopardizing fuel cycle policies or international agreements and contracts for the peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

68. The Ministers also stressed the need for observance of the principles of non-discrimination and free access to nuclear technology and reaffirmed the right of each country to develop programmes for the use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes in conformity with their own freely determined priorities and needs.

69. In this connection, the Meeting reiterated that non-proliferation should not be made a pretext for preventing States from exercising their full rights to acquire and develop nuclear technology for peaceful purposes geared to economic and social development in accordance with their priorities, interests and needs, determined in a sovereign manner.

70. The Ministers expressed their satisfaction at the progress in the preparations for the United Nations Conference for the Promotion of International Co-operation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy for Social and Economic Development, in the interest of developing countries and the international community as a whole. They expressed their satisfaction at the results of the work of the Preparatory Committee of the Conference and underlined the necessity for continuing detailed preparations, with the active participation of all countries, in order to fully realize the goals of the Conference. Proceeding from the positions of the Seventh Summit of Non-Aligned Countries, the participants in the Conference reaffirmed their conviction that the results of the Conference should contribute to free and unhampered access on a just and non-discriminatory basis to nuclear technology, equipment and materials needed for the development of national programmes of peaceful uses of nuclear energy.