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The attached Joint Statement on Nuclear Policy, signed by President Alfonsín of Argentina and President Sarney of Brazil on 29 November 1988 at Ezeiza, Argentina, is being circulated at the request of the Resident Representatives of Argentina and Brazil.

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DECLARATION OF EZEIZA

JOINT STATEMENT ON NUCLEAR POLICY

The Government of the Republic of Argentina and
the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil,

BEARING IN MIND

The obligations assumed under the joint declarations of
Foz do Iguaçu, Brasilia, Viedma and Iperó;

REITERATE

The steadfast peaceful vocation which informs their respective
nuclear programmes, and their firm belief in the economic and social benefits
which will flow therefrom,

Their satisfaction with the ventures undertaken and the
achievements realized, under the protocols and annexes already in force
through the actions of the Working Group and the Standing Committee on Nuclear
Policy, and their recognition of the role of such scientific and technical
partnership,

Their consistent willingness to extend such co-operation and
interchange of nuclear technology to all Latin American countries interested
in benefiting therefrom;

EMPHASIZE

The common views shared by Argentina and Brazil on the principal
questions of international policy,

The consolidation of the climate of mutual confidence brought
about by a growing and continuing mutual understanding and common efforts
aimed at the implementation of important joint projects - an unprecedented
form of collaboration between two developing countries of a single region;

STRESS

The decision of the two countries to undertake a joint
fast-breeder reactor project, marking a decisive step towards optimization of
the material resources and scientific technology of the two countries in this
area,

The fact that this undertaking constitutes a unique instance of
scientific and technical collaboration between developing nations, a project
which will foster technological development and save non-renewable energy
resources,

The importance of this project within the framework of their common goal of ensuring energy independence in view of the requirements of the two countries' development plans for the next century,

In this context, the very great significance of President José Sarney's visit to the installations of the Argentine National Atomic Energy Commission's Radiochemical Process Laboratory at Ezeiza,

This achievement - affecting the back-end of the thermal reactor fuel cycle and likewise marking the beginning of the cycle for a new generation of reactors as an example of Argentine technological development which, together with other successes of Argentina and Brazil in the nuclear sector, will contribute to the joint fast-breeder reactor project;

DECIDE

To give further impetus, through the Standing Committee on Nuclear Policy, to close political collaboration, the various common projects and the ready exchange of information, experience and technical visits, as means of providing and ultimately perfecting the mechanisms of co-operation in the nuclear field and their durability as a solid foundation for friendship and a firm commitment to peace and development.