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SECURITY COUNCIL  
Forty-first year

Letter dated 11 March 1986 from the representatives of Argentina,  
Greece, India, Mexico, Sweden and the United Republic of Tanzania  
addressed to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to request you to have circulated as an official document of the General Assembly and the Security Council the text of the joint message addressed on 28 February 1986 to His Excellency Mr. Ronald Reagan, President of the United States of America, and His Excellency Mr. Mikhail Gorbachev, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, by His Excellency Mr. Raúl Alfonsín, President of Argentina, His Excellency

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Mr. **Rajiv** Gandhi, Prime Minister of India, His Excellency Mr, Miguel ~~de~~ la Madrid, President of Mexico, **His** Excellency Mr, Olof **Palme**, Prime Minister of Sweden, and **His** Excellency Mr. Julius Nyerere, First President of the **United** Republic of Tanzania, **regarding the** suspension of all nuclear **tests**.

(Signed) Victor E. BEAUGE  
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Argentina to the United **Nations**

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India to the United **Nations**

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(Signed) **Mihalis** DOUNTAS  
Permanent Representative of  
Greece to the **United** Nations

(Signed) Mario **MOYA-PALENCIA**  
Permanent Representative of  
**Mexico** to the United Nations

(Signed) Muhammad **ALIFOUM**  
**Permanent** Repreaentat **ive** of the  
United Republic of Tanzania  
to the United **Nations**

ANNEX

Joint message dated 28 February 1986 addressed to the President of the United States of America and the General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union by the Heads of State or Government of Argentina, Greece, India, Mexico and Sweden, and the First President of the United Republic of Tanzania

Dear President Reagan/General Secretary Gorbachev:

The world welcomed your summit meeting with General Secretary Gorbachev/President Reagan last year and the affirmation of your determination to achieve early results in the negotiations on space and nuclear arms. We are concerned, however, that no concrete measures have as yet been agreed which would help to "prevent an arms race in space and terminate it on Earth". This is a task of the utmost urgency for the future of humanity, and the very survival of our planet is at stake. As long as nuclear weapons exist, there can be no security for the world. We all live confronting the awful possibility of our extinction in a nuclear holocaust, whether by accident or design. This is why we feel it is incumbent on us to do all that we can to avert this threat and to build a new concept of global security without nuclear weapons.

The next summit meeting between you and General Secretary Gorbachev/President Reagan, which is expected to take place later this year, will, in our view be a crucial opportunity for the two of you to agree on concrete steps to halt the nuclear-arms race,

We believe that everything which can be done to create confidence and a positive atmosphere for such agreements at your summit should be encouraged. One such confidence-building measure would be for your two countries to refrain from any nuclear test in the period up to the summit meeting. This could pave the way for an agreement on a mutual and adequately verified moratorium for nuclear explosions. It would also facilitate the negotiation of a comprehensive test ban treaty.

We urge you not to authorize any nuclear test in the coming months before the summit. We are convinced that this would be seen, in the rest of the world, as a signal that the two of you at that meeting are prepared to draw practical conclusions from your joint statement in Geneva that "a nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought".

We reiterate our offer to assist in verifying any halt in nuclear testing, to remove doubts about compliance and possible violations. Such assistance could include on-site inspection as well as monitoring activities both on your territories and in our own countries.

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You have a **major** responsibility **for ensuring our common survival**. People the world over will support every step **that** you take to bring us nearer **the goal of freeing** the Earth from **the** threat of nuclear war.

Yours sincerely,

**Raúl ALFONSIN**  
President of **Argentina**

**Miguel DE LA MADRID**  
President of Mexico

**Olof PALME**  
Prime Minister of Sweden

**Rajiv GANDHI**  
Prime Minister of India

**Julius NYERERE**  
First President of **the United**  
**Republic** of Tanzania

**Andreas PAPANDEOU**  
Prime Minister of Greece

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