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MR. PRESIDENT,

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY CONGRATULATIONS FOR YOUR ELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF THIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, I AM CONVINCED THAT YOUR TALENT WILL ALLOW US TO MAKE GAINFUL DECISIONS. YOU CAN HAVE THE FULLEST COOPERATION ON THE PART OF MY DELEGATION.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE SECRETARY GENERAL FOR HIS EFFORTS TO RENEW THIS ORGANIZATION, AS WELL AS FOR HIS WORK IN FAVOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

THIS GENERAL DEBATE TAKES PLACE JUST AFTER THE HIGH LEVEL PLENARY MEETING TO FOLLOW UP ON THE OUTCOME OF THE MILLENNIUM SUMMIT, WHICH CONGREGATED MANY HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT AND AMONG THEM, THE PRESIDENT OF MY COUNTRY.

YOUR WORK AS PRESIDENT DURING THIS MEETING WILL BE A STEP TOWARDS OVERCOMING THE DIFFICULTIES THAT THE ORGANIZATION IS FACING.

FOR ARGENTINA, THE RESPECT FOR THE RULE OF LAW IS AN ESSENTIAL POSTULATE.

WE CONSIDER DEMOCRACY TO BE A UNIVERSAL VALUE WHICH IS NOT OWNED BY ANY COUNTRY OR REGION IN PARTICULAR.

DAY BY DAY, WE STRUGGLE TO IMPROVE ITS QUALITY, ENSURE THE RULE OF LAW AND THE IMPARTIALITY AND INDEPENDENCE OF OUR JUDICIAL SYSTEM.

THE RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, ITS PROTECTIVE NORMS HAVING BEEN INCORPORATED INTO OUR NATIONAL CONSTITUTION, IS ALSO ONE OF OUR CONCERNS.

IN MY COUNTRY THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IS A NATIONAL POLICY, THAT IS A PART OF OUR DEMOCRATIC IDENTITY AS A STATE AND, THEREFORE, IT CONSTITUTES ONE OF THE CENTRAL AXIS OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY.

THE DEFENSE OF THE RIGHT TO LIFE, TO DIGNITY, OF MEN AND WOMEN ALL OVER THE WORLD ADMITS NEITHER HALF-WORDS NOR HALF HEARTED SOLUTIONS.

THAT IS DUE TO THE IMPORTANCE THAT HUMAN RIGHTS HAVE GAINED IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA, AS A CONTRIBUTION TO PRESERVING PEACE, DEVELOPMENT AND DEMOCRACY, BUT ALSO TO THE CRUEL HISTORIC CIRCUMSTANCES THROUGH WHICH MY COUNTRY STRUGGLED.

ANY ENERGY THAT WE CAN DIRECT TOWARDS THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS OF ALL PEOPLE IN THE WORLD WILL NEVER BE ENOUGH.

INTOLERANCE, CENSORSHIP, TORTURE AND CRUELTY, EVEN WHEN THEY ARE DISGUISED AS EXCESSES OF FAITH, UNDERMINE THE RAISON OF BEING OF THIS FORUM IN WHICH WE ARE NOW SPEAKING, AND THEY WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO WHILE THEY REMAIN IN EXISTENCE.

MY COUNTRY, WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF ITS UNDYING COMMITMENT WITH SOCIAL INCLUSION PROGRAMS AND POLICIES, HAS RECENTLY PASSED A "NATIONAL PLAN AGAINST DISCRIMINATION". WE WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THE PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS THAT ARE CURRENTLY TAKING PLACE IN THIS ORGANIZATION, TOWARDS OBTAINING A "COMPREHENSIVE CONVENTION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES", AND HOPES IT IS COMPLETED DURING THE NEXT YEAR.

I WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT THE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION THAT AN INTERNATIONAL REGARD OF SOLIDARITY CAN MAKE FOR THOSE WHO ARE DEPRIVED OF THEIR FUNDAMENTAL

RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS, PARTICULARLY WHEN IT DOESN'T EXPECT THAT CRUELTY WILL COME ITS WAY.

THAT IS WHY, FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE DISCUSSION ON THE REFORM OF THE UNITED NATIONS, WE HAVE TAKEN A VERY ACTIVE POSITION IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN AND TO PERFECT THE UNIVERSAL SYSTEM OF PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, BY MAKING SURE THEY ARE PLACED AT THE CENTER OF THE WORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS, WHICH IS THEIR RIGHTFUL PLACE.

THERE ARE FEW THINGS IN WHICH MEN HAVE NOT BELIEVED, AS FEW AS THOSE THAT THEY HAVE NOT EXPECTED.

THAT IS WHY, BEING FROM A COUNTRY WHICH WAS MADE TO BELIEVE THAT IMPUNITY WAS POSSIBLE, THOSE WHO SURVIVED HAVE TO WORK TOWARDS AVOIDING A REPETITION OF EVENTS.

WE THEREFORE SUPPORT THE CREATION OF A HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL AS AN ESSENTIAL ORGAN OF THE UNITED NATIONS, GRANTING THIS MATTER THE SAME LEVEL THAT DEVELOPMENT AND SECURITY ISSUES ALREADY HAVE.

DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS THAT WILL CONTINUE THIS YEAR, ARGENTINA WILL WORK TOWARDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ORGAN THAT CAN PUT FORWARD AN ACTION IN FAVOR OF THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, IN AN ENERGETIC AND EXPEDITE MANNER.

THE REINFORCEMENT OF A GLOBAL JUSTICE IS NECESSARY TO PUT A STOP TO MASSIVE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, GENOCIDE AND CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY. ARGENTINA IS INVOLVED IN THE FIGHT AGAINST IMPUNITY FOR THESE CRIMES, AND FULLY SUPPORTS, WITH NO PRETEXTS, THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT.

WE EXPRESS OUR SATISFACTION REGARDING RESOLUTION 1593 (2005) OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, WHICH REFERS THE SITUATION OF DARFUR TO THE PROSECUTOR OF THE COURT.

THIS RESOLUTION REPRESENTS AN IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD IN THE STRENGTHENING OF THOSE INSTITUTIONS CREATED BY THE ROME STATUTE.

THIS IS AN HISTORICAL PRECEDENT LINKED TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF TWO MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED NATIONS - PEACE AND FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS.

ARGENTINA, WHICH SUFFERED IN THE PAST SYSTEMATIC VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS - CHARACTERIZED BY TORTURE, FORCED "DISAPPEARANCE" AND SUMMARY EXTRA-JUDICIAL EXECUTION OF ITS CITIZENS- HAS GIVEN DECISIVE STEPS IN THE INTERNAL JUDICIAL SPHERE TO PUT AN END TO IMPUNITY.

OUR SUPREME COURT OF JUSTICE HAS RECENTLY RULED UNCONSTITUTIONAL THE SO-CALLED "FULL STOP" AND "DUE OBEDIENCE" LAWS THAT WERE AN OBSTACLE TO REACHING A DELAYED AND NECESSARY JUSTICE. WE ADD OUR OWN, THEN, TO THE ONGOING EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT THOSE ACCOUNTABLE FOR CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY ARE TRIED AND PUNISHED.

AS WAS EXPRESSED BY OUR PRESIDENT DURING THE RECENT SUMMIT, ARGENTINA UNEQUIVOCALLY CONDEMNS TERRORISM, IN ALL ITS FORMS AND MANIFESTATIONS, REGARDLESS OF THE CAUSES IT MIGHT INVOKE.

NOTHING CAN JUSTIFY THE INDISCRIMINATE ATTACK ON INNOCENT CIVILIANS AND NONCOMBATANTS. WE ARE STRONGLY COMMITTED TO FIGHT AGAINST THIS GRAVE THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY.

OUR RESPONSE TO TERRORISM MUST BE ETHICALLY AND MORALLY VALID, AND IT THEREFORE MUST BE CARRIED OUT IN FULL RESPECT OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER, THE RULE OF LAW, INTERNATIONAL LAW, HUMAN RIGHTS, REFUGEE LAW, AND HUMANITARIAN LAW.

SINCE WE HAVE TO PROTECT OTHERS FROM FEAR, WE MUST WE MUST ACT ACCORDING TO LEGITIMACY, PROPORTIONALITY AND SUPPORT FROM PUBLIC OPINION.

ARGENTINA CURRENTLY CHAIRS THE 1267 COMMITTEE OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, RESPONSIBLE FOR MONITORING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SANCTIONS AGAINST MEMBERS OF THE TERRORIST GROUP AL-QAEDA AND THE TALIBAN, AND IT AGREES THAT THE UNITED NATIONS HAS A MAJOR ROLE TO PLAY TOWARDS THE COORDINATION OF ENDEAVORS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL MECHANISMS.

WE MUST SUPPORT SUCH ENDEAVORS, PARTICULARLY THROUGH THE STRICT AND COMPLETE FULFILLMENT OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS.

DURING THIS YEAR, ARGENTINA HAS RATIFIED THE "CONVENTION FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF THE FINANCING OF TERRORISM" OF 1999.

WITH THAT DECISION, IT HAS BECOME A STATE PARTY TO ALL TWELVE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS TO COMBAT TERRORISM, AND WE HAVE JUST SIGNED THE "CONVENTION TO SUPPRESS ACTS OF NUCLEAR TERRORISM".

IN SPITE OF OUR EFFORTS, THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF ATTACKS. THIS WILL REQUIRE A CAREFUL EXAMINATION AND ASSESSMENT OF THE OBJECTIVES, MEANS AND METHODS, DEMANDING AN EFFORT ON THE PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN ORDER TO PUT A TIMELY END TO CONFLICTS, TO ELIMINATE AGGRESSIVE INEQUALITIES AND TO ACHIEVE A MORE RATIONAL, FAIRER WORLD.

WE HAVE RECENTLY WITNESSED SOME IMPORTANT CONCEPTUAL DEVELOPMENTS TOWARDS THE COMPLETION OF AN "INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION TO COMBAT TERRORISM". WE HOPE THIS INSTRUMENT COULD SOON BE READY FOR SIGNING.

MY COUNTRY -THAT WAS TWICE THE VICTIM OF VERY SEVERE ATTACKS IN 1992 AND 1994, AGAINST THE EMBASSY OF ISRAEL AND AGAINST THE ISRAELI MUTUAL ASSOCIATION IN BUENOS AIRES, IS DETERMINED TO SHED LIGHT ON THESE HEINOUS AND UNJUSTIFIABLE CRIMINAL ACTS.

IDENTIFYING AND PUNISHING THE CULPRITS IS A DUTY WE FEEL TOWARDS THE INNOCENT VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND IT IS, AT THE SAME TIME, A GOAL DEAR TO THE ARGENTINE PEOPLE.

THE UNITED NATIONS IS UNDERGOING A REFORM PROCESS THAT MUST BE CLEAR, DEEP AND FITTING, AND WHICH MUST ANSWER THE UNAVOIDABLE AND URGENT DEMANDS OF OUR PEOPLES. AFTER 60 YEARS, THE ORGANIZATION MUST TAKE A HARD LOOK ON ITS STRUCTURES AND MECHANISMS, SEEKING A RENEWED MULTILATERALISM.

ALL THE MAIN ORGANS MUST CONTEMPLATE PROFOUND REFASHION AND IMPROVEMENT.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AS THE HIGHEST DELIBERATION AND DECISION AUTHORITY, MUST ENSURE THE MEANS FOR ITS VOICE TO BE HEARD ALL OVER THE WORLD WITH THE COMMAND AND LEGITIMACY IT DESERVES.

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL WOULD ALSO NEED TO UNDERTAKE DEEP AND RADICAL RETHINKING AND ITS REORGANIZATION IN ORDER TO IMPROVE ITS EFFICACY.

A VAST MAJORITY HAS CLAIMED FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF THE TRANSPARENCY AND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

WITHIN "UNITING FOR CONSENSUS" ARGENTINA WILL PUSH FOR A SECURITY COUNCIL WITH NEW MEMBERS, BUT ONLY "NON-PERMANENT ONES". WE BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD NOT CREATE NEW PRIVILEGES THAT WOULD GO AGAINST THE DEMOCRATIC SPIRIT OF THE UNITED NATIONS. COUNCIL MEMBERS SHOULD BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS, AND THIS CAN BE OBTAINED THROUGH PERIODIC ELECTIONS.

ON ITS PART, THE SECRETARIAT MUST CONTINUE ITS PROCESS TOWARDS ENHANCED PROFESSIONALISM AND UNIVERSALITY, TO BETTER GUARANTEE ITS ACCOUNTABILITY AND EFFICIENCY.

PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS ARE ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE TOOLS THE UNITED NATIONS HAS TO BRING PEACE AND SECURITY TO TROUBLED SOCIETIES.

THEY ARE USEFUL FOR ESTABLISHING THE FOUNDATIONS FOR A PEACE PROCESS AND FOR A PROJECT WHICH IN TURN MIGHT PAVE THE WAY TO DEVELOPMENT, DIALOGUE, RECONCILIATION, JUSTICE AND THE REINFORCEMENT OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS IN A CONTEXT OF FULL RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.

ARGENTINA REMAINS STRONGLY COMMITTED TO THESE OPERATIONS, IN WHICH IT HAS TAKEN PART SINCE 1958, AND IS CURRENTLY A CONTRIBUTOR TO EIGHT OF THEM.

I WOULD LIKE IN PARTICULAR TO POINT OUT THE EFFORT THAT IS BEING CARRIED OUT IN HAITI, TO ASSIST HAITIANS IN THE SEARCH FOR A PEACEFUL AND LASTING SOLUTION TO GRAVE CHALLENGES.

WE HAVE LONG KNOWN THAT THE ANSWER TO CRISIS DOES NOT RESIDE SOLELY IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PEACEKEEPING OPERATION.

THAT IS WHY COMPLEX OPERATIONS WITH THE CAPACITY TO PROMOTE STABLE SOLUTIONS IN OTHER FIELDS, IN SECURITY AS WELL AS IN RULE OF LAW, JUSTICE, INSTITUTIONS, DISARMAMENT AND REINTEGRATION, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY.

THAT IS WHY WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PEACEKEEPING COMMISSION.

MR. PRESIDENT,

MY COUNTRY SUPPORTS THE GOALS ESTABLISHED IN THE MILLENNIUM SUMMIT, IN MONTERREY AND IN JOHANNESBURG.

THE MOST RECENT ADVANCES IN THE ISSUE OF FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT REVEAL THAT, WHILE THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE MADE IMPORTANT EFFORTS REGARDING THE REFORM AND RATIONALIZATION OF THEIR ECONOMIES, THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FULFILLING THEIR COMMITMENTS IN THOSE VERY FORA.

ONCE AGAIN, WE URGE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO ALLOT 0.7 OF THEIR GDP TO DEVELOPMENT AID, TO OPEN THEIR MARKETS AND TO FORSAKE SUBSIDIES.

WE SUPPORT THE MONTERREY CONSENSUS ON THE REFORM OF THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL SYSTEM IN ORDER TO ADAPT IT TO THE NEW CHALLENGES THAT THE FULFILLMENT OF THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS DEMANDS.

WE BELIEVE IN THE NEED TO STUDY AND DISCUSS THE CREATION OF NEW INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS THAT PROVE MORE EFFICIENT IN THE ENDURING FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER AND POVERTY.

I WILL NOW CONSIDER TWO FACTORS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO MY COUNTRY.

FIRST, THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE SITUATION.

AS THE OUTCOME DOCUMENT THAT WE HAVE APPROVED STATES, INTERNATIONAL TRADE IS A FUNDAMENTAL TOOL IN ACHIEVING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. IT IS THEREFORE IMPERATIVE THAT WE ATTAIN A FAIRER, MORE EQUITABLE AND RULE-BASED INTERNATIONAL TRADE, WHICH MUST BE INCLUSIVE AND MUST PRIORITIZE THE DEVELOPMENT DIMENSION. REGARDING TRADE, GLOBALIZATION HAS NOT BEEN EVEN, SINCE THE ENDEAVORS BY DEVELOPING COUNTRY TO FURTHER OPEN THEIR ECONOMIES HAVE NOT BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN TERMS OF IMPROVED ACCESS TO THEIR MARKETS OR THE LOWERING OF THE CONSIDERABLE SUBSIDIES TO AGRICULTURE.

THE NEGOTIATIONS THAT TAKE PLACE IN THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION IN THE CONTEXT OF THE DOHA DEVELOPMENT ROUND ARE OF DEFINITIVE IMPORTANCE.

IT IS ESSENTIAL TO PROMOTE, WITHIN THIS ORGANIZATION, A FAIR INTERNATIONAL TRADE SYSTEM.

DEVELOPED COUNTRIES -IN PARTICULAR THOSE WITH GREATER ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE AND A GREATER SHARE IN TRADE- MUST ELIMINATE PROTECTIONIST MEASURES THAT, IN THE FORM OF SUBSIDIES, NON-TARIFF BARRIERS AND ARBITRARY STANDARDS, DISTORT AND LIMIT COMMERCIAL EXCHANGES AND, PARTICULARLY IN THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR, DEPRIVE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF THE CHANCE TO GROW ON THE BASIS OF THEIR GENUINE RESOURCES.

THE SIXTH WTO MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE THAT WILL TAKE PLACE IN HONG KONG IS DRAWING NEARER, AND THERE IS STILL A GREAT DEAL TO BE DONE.

WE HOPE IT WILL ENABLE US TO BROADEN THE BENEFITS FROM A GROWING SHARE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

SECONDLY, WE ALSO HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE ISSUE OF EXTERNAL DEBT.

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY MUST TAKE A STAND FOR A SOLUTION THAT IS EFFECTIVE, BROAD, EQUITABLE AND LONG-LASTING TO THE QUESTION OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES INDEBTEDNESS.

THE NOTION OF SUSTAINABILITY OF EXTERNAL DEBT MUST BE NECESSARILY REDEFINED, BEARING IN MIND THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STATE IN KEEPING AND ENLARGING ITS FUNCTIONS IN FIELDS SUCH AS HEALTH, EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT PROMOTION.

WE WELCOME THE INITIATIVES ON DEBT WRITE-OFF FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

NEVERTHELESS, THE SITUATION AND NEEDS OF MEDIUM- MUST ALSO BE CONTEMPLATED, SINCE EXTERNAL DEBT ACTS AS A NEGATIVE AGENT TRIGGERING MORE UNDERDEVELOPMENT.

IT IS NOT LOGIC THAT COUNTRIES WITH AN INTERMEDIATE LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT BE TRANSFORMED INTO LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO WRITE OFF ITS DEBTS WHEN THAT DESPERATE MOMENT HAS ARRIVED.

THIS COOPERATION CAN NOT ADMIT CONDITIONS.

EACH COUNTRY MUST BE FREE TO CHOOSE ITS OWN DEVELOPMENT MODEL, CONSIDERING ITS HISTORY AND ITS NEEDS.

THE NOTION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STRESS THE CARE FOR AND ADEQUATE USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE FUTURE GENERATIONS, WHICH OPERATES AS A PREVENTION SINCE IN FACT WE CANNOT KNOW WHAT THE RESOURCES -AND PARTICULARLY THE TECHNOLOGICAL RESOURCES- OF THOSE FUTURE GENERATIONS

CLIMATE CHANGE CONTINUES TO BE REGARDED AS ONE OF OUR MAIN CONCERNS REGARDING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.

IN ADDITION TO THE UNDEFERRABLE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMITMENTS CONTAINED IN THE KYOTO PROTOCOL, NEGOTIATIONS MUST BEGIN IN ORDER TO DEVELOP AN INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK ON CLIMATE CHANGE THAT GOES BEYOND 2021, ENSURING GREATER PARTICIPATION BY ALL COUNTRIES.

THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA IS COMMITTED TO THE DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SYSTEM THAT ENABLES US TO GUARANTEE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, BY IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE, PROMOTING SOCIAL INCLUSION AND THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY AND THE PRESERVATION AND RATIONAL USE OF ITS RESOURCES.

THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE, OF EDUCATION AND OF TRAINING WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION IS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN THIS COMMON ENDEAVOR.

PROLIFERATION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION IS ONE OF THE MOST SERIOUS THREATS TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY WE FACE TODAY.

ARGENTINA, A STATE PARTY TO THE "TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS" AND TO OTHER RELATED INTERNATIONAL LEGALLY BINDING INSTRUMENTS, REAFFIRMS ITS COMMITMENT TO THE STRENGTHENING OF THE INTERNATIONAL NON PROLIFERATION REGIME AND TO DISARMAMENT.

WE REGRET THAT THE OUTCOME DOCUMENT ADOPTED DURING THE SUMMIT HAS NO REFERENCES TO THESE ISSUES, WHICH ARE OF VITAL IMPORTANCE FOR WORLD PEACE, AS IF BY NOT MENTIONING THEM WE COULD CAST A SPELL ON THEIR DANGERS.

MY COUNTRY HAS TAKEN A SERIES OF ACTIONS AIMED AT STRENGTHENING THE NON PROLIFERATION REGIME. AS A COUNTRY THAT MASTERS NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE TECHNOLOGIES, WE STRIVE FOR AN ADEQUATE BALANCE BETWEEN THE TREATMENT OF PROLIFERATION RISK POSED BY SUCH TECHNOLOGIES AND THE LEGITIMATE ACCESS TO CUTTING EDGE TECHNOLOGIES BY COUNTRIES WITH A VOCATION FOR PEACE.

THIS UNEQUIVOCAL COMMITMENT BY ARGENTINA TO NON PROLIFERATION POLICIES -THAT IS CLEAR IN ITS SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION 1540 (2004) OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, AMONG

OTHER MEASURES- DATES BACK TO ITS RATIFICATION OF THE TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS (NPT), TEN YEARS AGO.

MY COUNTRY CANNOT BUT REGRET THAT THE NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE THAT WAS HELD IN NEW YORK LAST MAY WAS UNABLE TO AGREE ON RECOMMENDATIONS OR SOLUTIONS AIMING AT FACILITATING A WAY OUT OF THE CRISIS OF COMPLIANCE AND CONFIDENCE THAT THE NUCLEAR NON PROLIFERATION REGIME IS GOING THROUGH.

THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT HOPES THAT ISRAEL'S DISENGAGEMENT FROM GAZA AND PARTS OF THE WEST BANK MAY BE THE FIRST STEP IN A PATH THAT SHOULD LEAD WITHOUT DELAY TO A FINAL, FAIR AND EQUITABLE SOLUTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT, VIABLE PALESTINIAN STATE.

IT REAFFIRMS ITS SUPPORT FOR THE RIGHT OF ISRAEL TO LIVE AT PEACE WITH ITS NEIGHBORS WITHIN SECURE AND INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED BORDERS, AND IT CALLS ON THE PARTIES TO THIS CONFLICT TO FULLY CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THE UN RESOLUTIONS AND THE ACTIONS PRESCRIBED BY THE ROAD MAP, AND TO SOON RESUME NEGOTIATIONS.

MY COUNTRY FOLLOWS WITH DEEP CONCERN THE INTENSIFICATION OF VIOLENCE IN IRAQ AND REITERATES THE NEED FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE TO RENEW ITS EFFORT TOWARDS ENSURING THAT THE PEOPLE OF IRAQ ARE ABLE TO LIVE IN PEACE IN A FREE AND SOVEREIGN COUNTRY.

MR. PRESIDENT,

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SPEAK HERE OF THE "QUESTION OF THE MALVINAS ISLANDS".

THE RECOVERY OF THE FULL EXERCISE OF SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE MALVINAS ISLANDS, SOUTH GEORGIA AND SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS AND THE SURROUNDING MARITIME AREAS IS ONE OF THE NATIONAL INTERESTS THAT ARE AN ESSENTIAL COMPONENT OF MY COUNTRY'S IDENTITY AS A DEMOCRATIC NATION.

ALL ARGENTINES ARE STRONGLY COMMITTED TO A PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF THIS CONTROVERSY AND THIS COMMITMENT -A PRIORITY OF MY COUNTRY'S FOREIGN POLICY- IS ENSHRINED IN OUR CONSTITUTION.

THE RESOLUTION OF THIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AS WELL AS THOSE OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DECOLONIZATION, HAVE ESTABLISHED THAT THE "QUESTION OF THE MALVINAS ISLANDS" IS A SPECIAL AND PARTICULAR COLONIAL SITUATION THAT MUST BE SOLVED THROUGH RESUMING BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN MY COUNTRY AND THE UNITED KINGDOM.

MY COUNTRY HAS REPEATEDLY STATED ITS DISPOSITION TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS ON SOVEREIGNTY, AS WAS THE CASE IN 1966 AND 1982.

AND YET, THE UNITED KINGDOM INSISTS IN ITS NEGATIVE ATTITUDE OF REJECTION.

THAT IS WHY I WANT TO URGE THE UNITED KINGDOM TO HEED THE REPEATED APPEALS TO NEGOTIATE MADE IN THIS FORUM, IN ANSWER TO A REPEATED CALL BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN THIS VERY SENSE.



MR. PRESIDENT,

I WOULD LIKE TO CONCLUDE BY REITERATING THAT WE ARE BEFORE A CHANCE TO RENEW THIS ORGANIZATION SO IT IS BETTER OUTFITTED FOR THE NUMEROUS DEMANDS OF HUMANITY.

ALL WE CAN ACHIEVE TODAY WILL BE TRANSLATED IN BENEFITS FOR THE GENERATIONS TO COME.

WE MUST CONTRIVE TO FIND THE PATH LEADING TO AN AUTHENTIC STRENGTHENING OF MULTILATERALISM.

WE SHALL COLLABORATE WITH ALL OTHER MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO THAT END, IN THE SAME WAY THAT THOSE WHO EXPECT AN EQUAL LEVEL OF COMPOMISE ARE EAGER TO COLLABORATE IN A HUMBLE MANNER.

THANK YOU