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**Intervención del Embajador Luis E. Cappagli
Representante Permanente Alterno de la República Argentina
ante las Naciones Unidas**

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**Statement by Ambassador Luis E. Cappagli
Deputy Permanent Representative of the Argentine Republic
to the United Nations**

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MR. PRESIDENT,

ALLOW ME TO START BY CONGRATULATING YOU ON BEHALF OF THE ARGENTINE DELEGATION FOR YOUR ELECTION TO CHAIR OUR COMMITTEE.

WE EXTEND OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BUREAU. YOU CAN COUNT ON THE FULL COOPERATION OF MY DELEGATION.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WELCOME THE NEW UNDERSECRETARY GENERAL, AMBASSADOR ABE AND WISH HIM SUCCESS IN THE FULLFILMENT OF HIS DUTIES.

MR. PRESIDENT,

WE FULLY SHARE THE STATEMENTS THAT THE DISTINGUISHED DELEGATION OF PERU WILL MAKE ON BEHALF OF THE RIO GROUP AND THE DISTINGUISHED DELEGATION OF URUGUAY WILL MAKE ON BEHALF OF MERCOSUR AND ITS ASSOCIATES IN THE THEMATIC DEBATE.

FOR THE SAKE OF BRIEFNISS, THE ARGENTINE DELEGATION WILL LIMIT ITSELF TO THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

1. WE SHARE THE CONCERN OF MANY DELEGATIONS REGARDING THE SITUATION OF PARALYSIS OF THE SO CALLED "DISARMAMENT MACHINERY" (CD, UNDC, UNGA FIRST COMMITTEE). ONLY THROUGH A FRANK DIALOGUE, WILL THE NECESSARY POLITICAL WILL BE GENERATED FOR ANY REFORM ON ADOPTION OF THE INSTITUTIONS OF THE NEW REALITY.

2. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE CHALLENGE POSED BY TERRORISM AS A NEW REAL THREAT IN THE INTERNATIONAL SCENARIO INTRODUCES A NEW DIMENSION TO DISARMAMENT, NON PROLIFERATION AND ARMS CONTROL. THE POSSIBILITY THAT TERRORIST GROUPS HAVE ACCESS TO WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION IS A REAL THREAT THAT CANNOT BE IGNORED OR UNDERESTIMATED.

3. AS RESPONSIBLE ACTORS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, THE MEMBER STATES HAVE TO OVERCOME THE STATUS QUO ON DISCUSSIONS ON THE SUBJECT AND ADOPT A PRAGMATIC APPROACH THAT ALLOWS TO GIVE ANSWERS TO THE NEW CHALLENGES. WE MUST STRENGTHEN THE INSPECTION REGIMES AND PURSUE A VERIFIABLE DISARMAMENT.

4. DISCUSSION REGARDING METHODOLOGY SHOULD NOT LEAD US TO CONSOLIDATE THE STATUS QUO AS IT HAPPENED IN THE DISCUSSIONS TO DECIDE TO CALL THE IV SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT.

5. THE NEW INTERNATIONAL REALITY REQUIRES EFFECTIVE MULTILATERALISM FOCUSED ON SPECIFIC PROBLEMS, FOR THAT PURPOSE. THE STRICT OBSERVANCE OF LEGALLY BINDING INSTRUMENTS AS WELL AS THE STRENGHTENING OF THE EXISTING ONES IS VITAL TO ACHIEVE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY. THERE IS NO DOUBT ABOUT THE ENFORCEMENT AND TRANSPARENCY AS BASIS AND SUPPORT OF THE DEMOCRATIC PRACTICE AT THE GLOBAL LEVEL.

MR. PRESIDENT,

WE CALL UPON ALL DELEGATIONS TO JOIN EFFORTS AND BE PREPARED FOR THE CHALLENGE WE HAVE BEFORE US. THE ACTUAL REALITY REQUIRES THAT WE LEAVE ASIDE ANY RHETORIC AND THAT WE WORK WITH MORE DETERMINATION THAN BEFORE TO UNDERSTAND OUR RESPECTIVE SECURITY NEEDS AND TO REACH THE SO WISHED FOR PEACE

THANK YOU