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STATEMENT BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED
KINGDOM, MR. DAVID M. EDWARDS

Mr. President,

It is of course for the Member States of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America to settle the Agenda for the Conference in accordance with the Rules of Procedure. My Delegation is here representing a non-Member State of the Agency, the United Kingdom being a State Party to the Additional Protocols. I speak to this matter, therefore, under Article 20 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference.

I would wish to make the following points about the item just added to the Agenda of the Conference. This item seems to assume, from its wording, that nuclear weapons have been deployed by my country in the area covered by the Treaty, presumably in contravention of its obligations under Protocols I and II. This is, of course, not correct, as my Government has made clear on a number of occasions.

Mr. President,

I would draw attention in this connection to Conference document S/Inf. 261 of 11th May, 1983, in which we made it clear that the Government of the United Kingdom has scrupulously observed its obligations under the Additional Protocols to the

Treaty in not deploying nuclear weapons in areas for which the United Kingdom is internationally responsible, which lie within the limits of the geographical Zone established in the Treaty and for which the Treaty is in force.

In these circumstances, Mr. President, we were disappointed to see the proposal contained in document CG/251. We are hoping to see the Conference engaging its efforts in a constructive manner which will be supportive of the objectives of the Treaty. In my Delegation's view, the addition of this item to the Agenda is hardly going to do that.