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Summary:

The Latin American Denuclearization Commission has been post-poned.

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FROM: Naranjan Sing Gill, Embassy of India, Mexico City

TO: Shir V.M.M Nair, Joint Secretary (UN), MEA

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My dear Joint Secretary,

This is to inform you that the meeting of the Latin American Denuclearization Commission, which was to be held in this August-September, has been postponed till January 1967. The Commission had a one-day sitting yesterday to take this decision. It was reported that the recent changes in several Latin American Governments were a key factor for the postponement. This also meant that the two groups holding opposing views, one led by Mexico, the other by Brazil, will HAVE more time to think of a compromise, if possible. Meanwhile, the meeting was informed that China had refused to commit itself to the proposed ban, which would bind Latin American nations to denuclearization, giving the usual Chinese reasons for its decision. Mexico had approached Peking through its Mission at Cairo. The Mexican Chairman of the Commission, Alfonso Garcia Robles, deplored the fact that their approach had not received the positive results the member-nations had hoped for.