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1. SIXTH PLENARY SESSION (OCT. 25) OPENED WITH THE BARGADIAN
FONMIN HENRY DE B FORD WHO EXPRESSED HIS COUNTRY'S SOLIDARITY
WITH BOLIVIA

. HE REFERRED TO CIECC MEETING IN BAROADOS AND
CRITICIZED US FOR NOT HAVING CO-SPONSORED THE RESOLUTION OF

BRIDGETOWN WHICH 22 OTHERS ADHERED TO. HE EXPRESSED HIS
OPINION THAT THE US LEFT GRAVE DOUBTS AS REGARDS ITS TRUE
INTENTIONS TOWARDS THE FUTURE OF THE VOLUNTARY FUNDS."
IN THE SAME VEIN FORDE ADDED THAT SECURIT. WAS NOT PROVIDED BY

MILITARY EXPENDITURE ALONE, AND FELT THAT THE US, BEING THE
MOST POWERFUL COUNTRY, COULD NOT ESCAPE ITS RESPONSIBILITY
TO CONTRIBUTE TO EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE REGION. HE
WAS FOLLOWED BY ECUADOR'S SUBSECRETARY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS,
MARIO ALLEMAN AND PARAGUAY'S FONMIN, ALBERT NOGUES, WHO
GAVE VERY GENERAL PRESENTATION.

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2. COMMITTEE 2 ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS COMPLETED
DISCUSSIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS DEALING WITH TRADE ISSUES

WITH LENGTHY BUT RELATIVELY MODERATE DEBATE ON
PROTECTIONISM. ON DISCUSSION OF GSP EXCLUSION OF OPEC
COUNTRIES, VENEZUELA REMAINED SILENT AND ECUADOR CITED

OBJECTIONS TO CONCLUSION OF BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH
US. BOLIVIA MADE A RELATIVELY MILD STATEMENT ABOUT

DVERSE EFFECTS OF US TIN DISPOSAL.; US RESPONDED WITH
EXPOSITION ON TIN PRICES SINCE 1972 AND ON PRODUCTION
FALLING BEHIND CONSUMPTION. INDICATION IS THAT BOLIVIA
DOES NOT INTEND TO TABLE A RESOLUTION ON TIN.

3. ONLY SUBSTANTIVE RESOLUTIONS TABLED THUS FAR, NOT
YET DISCUSSED, ARE ONE BY ECUADOR ON PANAMA CANAL TOLLS,
CALLING FOR CONTINUED OAS STUDY ON NEGATIVE IMPACT ON
LATIN AMERICAN TRADE, AND RESOLUTION BY COSTA RICA
EXPRESSING LATIN AMERICAN CONCERN OVER PENDING MEAT

IMPORT LEGISLATION AND ASKING USG TO FIND LONG-TERM
SOLUTIONS THAT WILL NOT RESTRICT MEAT IMPORTS FROM LATIN
AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN.

4. THIRD COMMITTEE MET IN AFTERNOON FOR FIRST WORKING
SESSION AND COMPLETED CONSIDERATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS
OF 1978 CIECC OF SANTIAGO AND THE 1979 CIECC OF
BARBADOS. ON THE RESOLUTION OF BRIDGETOWN THE US DELEGATE
REFERRED TO THE POSITION OF THE US
AGAINST LANGUAGE
IMPLYING COMMITMENT TO 66 PERCENT CONTRIBUTION.
THE US DELEGATE ALSO STATED THAT THE RESOLUTION CONTRA-
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DICTED THE "VOLUNARY" NATURE OF THE FUNDS IN ITS
REFERENCE TO A "PROPORTION" FOR FEMCIECC. THE DELEGATE
OF BARBADOS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IN FACT A KIND OF
INFORMAL QUOTA HAD BEEN OPERATING WITH REGARD TO
FEMCIECC. NO OTHER DELEGATION SPOKE TO THE ISSUE AND
THE RESOLUTION WAS PASSED BY CONSENSUS WITH THE US
RESERVING AS WAS THE CASE IN BRIDGETOWN. A WORKING
GROUP WAS FORMED, INCLUDING THE US, TO DRAFT A
RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD INSTRUCT THE SECRETARIAT AND

CEPCIECC TO DEVELOP ALTERNATIVE CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES
TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS OF THE RESOLUTION OF BRIDGETOWN.

5. COMMITTEE 1 STARTED SUBSTANTIVE BUSINESS WITH
CONSIDERATION OF IAHRG ANNUAL REPORT. USDEL MADE STATE-
MENT OF STRONG SUPPORT FOR COMMISSION'S WORK AND WE ARE
REPAIRING DRAFT RESOLUTION IN CLOSE COORDINATION WITH
IAHRC CHAIRMAN AGUILAR. WE EXPECT WORK ON THIS ITEM TO
CONTINUE TOMORROW AFTER WHICH EL SALVADOR HUMAN RIGHTS
REPORT WILL BE CONSIDERED. VENEZUELAN AND SALVADOREAN

REPS ARE DEVELOPING APPROPRIATE RESOLUTION ON THIS ITEM
WHICH WE WILL CO-SPONSOR.

6. DECLARATION OF LA PA. A WORKING GROUP WAS SET UP
TO REVISE THE PROPOSAL OF THE ANDEAN GROUP. MEXICAN
AMBASSADOR DE LA COLINA CALLED FOR A TOTAL REDRAFTING TO
FOCUS ON PRINCIPLES AND GOALS FOR THE INTER-AMERICAN
SYSTEM. BRAZIL, CHILE, ARGENTINA JOINED MEXICO AND
US IN PRESSING FOR THE ELIMINATION OF REFERENCES TO
SPECIFIC PROBLEMS LIKE BOLIVIA'S ACCESS TO THE SEA AND
TIN. US AND BRAZIL WERE THE ONLY DELEGATIONS WITH

SPECIFIC LANGUAGE CHANGES TO PRESENT. WORKING GROUP
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MEETS AGAIN TOMORROW TO CONSIDER NEW DRAFT WITH CHANGES
PROPOSED IN TODAY'S SESSION.

7. BOLIVIA'S ACCESS TO THE SEA. GOB IS LINING UP CO-
SPONSORS FOR ITS RESOLUTION. CORR DOR TALK INDICATES
THAT SEVERAL COUNTRIES ARE URGING LANGUAGE CHANGES AS
CONDITIONS FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND THAT DRAFTS BY OTHER
DELEGATIONS ARE ALSO CIRCULATING.
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