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in turn, must act to find a juridical settlement of the dispute and, in lieu thereof, to defend the State attacked, with arms if necessary.

The Act of Chapultepec, approved by the American nations at the Mexico City Conference, has adopted this principle and organized procedures for the prevention and sanction of threats of aggression, at the suggestion of Uruguay, Brazil, and Colombia. My country fervently hopes that that memorable international instrument will be integrated with the world Organization and will lay the necessary foundation for studying a way to see that defense, both material and in respect to acts involving the independent personality of the countries and the quarantine and punishment of acts of aggression, will be effected by regional organizations, with the support of all the members of the International Organization.

Continental regionalism must be connected with the world Organization and should mobilize forces only upon the acquiescence of the latter. We shall thus avoid creating new forms of conflict later.

Security must be collective, universal, and coercive. (The proceedings of the Conference were interrupted when a paper bearing the headlines "Nazis Quit" was brought into the room and shown to the Conference. Mr. Molotov, being informed that the report of Nazi surrender was without official confirmation, shortly directed the translator to proceed.)

With respect to the framework itself of the Organization to be established, Uruguay accepts the Dumbarton Oaks agreements as a system imposed by the needs and contingencies of the state of war and of what will follow in the immediate future, in the character of a first imperfect stage, but one that can be perfected in the future, transitory and provisional in nature, and lasting only until the final consequences of the conflict are liquidated and it is possible therefore to restore a statute of international society without the deficiencies which appear in those agreements.

It is not the peace of force that we desire, but that of harmony, justice, and the general welfare.

The contention for organized coercive action--the only effective form in its case--against the aggressor

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