(Mr. de Rivero, Peru)

... Consequently, I am pleased to inform the Conference on Disarmament that the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Peru has communicated to the ambassadors in Lima of the member countries of the Rio Group - Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Uruguay and Venezuela - a proposal for the holding in Lima next November, on dates to be decided, of a special meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Rio Group, firstly, to agree expressly on a joint renunciation of all types of weapons of mass destruction, particularly nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, and secondly, to reach agreement on banning the acquisition, production or transfer in the future of short-range and medium-range ballistic missiles for warlike purposes in Latin America, as well as the new generations of advanced systems of conventional weapons - I refer principally to fuel-air bombs with a massive explosive and destructive effect, laser-guided bombs and munitions, long-range extremely destructive multistage rocket systems, anti-radar and "stealth" technology. Also a ban on the introduction of nuclear propulsion in the attack submarines of Latin American countries. The third objective of the Lima meeting would be to devote itself to measures to build security, confidence and transparency among the democracies of the Rio Group, such as intensification of contacts between military high commands, cuts in troops and offensive weapons in border areas, mutual notification of military manoeuvres, invitations to attend them, visits to military facilities and the creation of a centre to register the transfer and production of weapons in our countries.

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Mrs. RAUTIO (Finland): I have asked for the floor to introduce the latest "blue book", which has been circulated as a CD document (CD/1090). Like last year's report, the 1991 "blue book" is a joint report of countries which participated in the second round-robin test. A brief description of the

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