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OBSERVATIONS ON THE DRAFT ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE  
AMERICAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY

Bolivia

PERMANENT MISSION OF BOLIVIA  
to the  
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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July 5, 1989

Excellency:

I have the honor to address Your Excellency with regard to resolution AG/RES. 943 (XVIII-O/88), adopted at the eighteenth regular session of the General Assembly of the Organization, on preparation of a "Draft Additional Protocol to the American Convention on Human Rights to Abolish the Death Penalty."

In this connection, the Government of Bolivia wishes to make the following comments:

- According to Article 17 of the Constitution of Bolivia, the maximum corporal punishment under its domestic legal code is 30 years of imprisonment with no possibility of a pardon.
- The Government of Bolivia places the highest priority on the conclusion of this Additional Protocol. It is convinced that the specter of the death penalty should be banished once and for all from our legislation, considering that the purpose of sanctions is the reformation and social rehabilitation of criminals.
- With regard to the Draft Protocol submitted by the Delegation of Uruguay, the Government of Bolivia feels that the observations submitted by the Delegation of Venezuela are pertinent and strengthen the Protocol. The Government of Bolivia agrees with the content of the Uruguayan proposal and the Venezuelan observations thereon.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Jaime Arellano Castañeda  
Ambassador, Permanent Representative

His Excellency  
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