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Telegram from Brazilian Foreign Ministry to Brazilian Delegation at the OAS, Washington

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Summary:

Brazilian officials are suggesting the Brazilian government vote for the part of the North American resolution that prescribes the arms embargo and the inspections of ships that demand ports in Cuba.

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SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS
TO THE DELEGATION OF BRAZIL AT THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES --
WASHINGTON

CONFIDENTIAL On 23 of October of 1962
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SUPPLEMENTARY TO MY TELEGRAM No 220 COMPLEMENTING THE INSTRUCTIONS THAT I TRANSMITTED IN THE MORNING. YOUR EXCELLENCY IS AUTHORIZED TO VOTE, IN CASE OUR SUGGESTIONS IN THE FORM OF AN AMENDMENT ARE NOT ACCEPTED, FOR THE PART OF THE NORTH-AMERICAN RESOLUTION THAT PRESCRIBES THE ARMS EMBARGO AND THE INSPECTION OF SHIPS THAT DEMAND PORTS IN CUBA. THIS ATTITUDE IS JUSTIFIED AND CONSISTENT WITH THE VOTE THAT WE CAST IN PUNTA DEL ESTE ON THE PART OF RESOLUTION No 8 THAT DETERMINED THE EMBARGO OF COMMERCE OF ARMS AND WARLIKE MATERIAL FOR CUBA. IN THE HYPOTHESIS OF THE COUNCIL DECIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE VOTE OF PARAGRAPH 2o OF THE NORTH AMERICAN DRAFT RESOLUTION, IN CASE THE USE OF ARMED FORCE IS FORECAST, YOUR EXCELLENCY WILL DECLARE THAT BRAZIL WILL BE ABLE TO DETERMINE ITS POSITION AFTER AN INVESTIGATION ON THE PART OF UNITED NATIONS OBSERVERS, IN ORDER TO PROVE THE ACCUSATIONS FORMULATED IN THE DRAFT RESOLUTION AGAINST THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT. YOUR EXCELLENCY WILL ADD THAT AS I DECLARED TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY, THE BASES FOR LAUNCHING REMOTE-CONTROLLED MISSILES ARE STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION, THERE SHOULD NOT BE AN IMMEDIATE RISK FOR THE SECURITY OF THE HEMISPHERE IN THE TIME THAT SHOULD ELAPSE NECESSARILY BETWEEN TO TAKE A FINAL DELIBERATION ON THE PROBLEM AND THE INVITATION OF UNITED NATIONS OBSERVERS. IF IT IS STILL LIKE THIS YOUR EXCELLENCY CALLED TO VOTE ON THE DRAFT RESOLUTION IN THE CURRENT TERMS, YOU SHOULD DECLARE THAT, WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO OUR SOLIDARITY WITH THE COUNTRIES OF THE HEMISPHERE AND WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND THE FUTURE POSITIONS THAT WE WILL ADOPT IN LIGHT OF THE MAIN EXPLANATIONS REGARDING THE SITUATION, WE ARE UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN VOTING FOR WE DO NOT HAVE, IN OUR OPINION, THE COMPLETED PROCESS NECESSARY FOR TAKING SUCH GRAVE DECISIONS.

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