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About the reestablishment of the U.S. Fourth Fleet and the presence of nuclear aircraft carriers in Brazil

“The reestablishment of the U.S. Fourth Fleet, designed to engage in aggressive naval mission in the Caribbean, Central and South America, poses a severe threat to peace, security and sovereignty to all peoples and nations of Latin America. By endorsing the Colombian military action in Ecuadorian territory the government of the United States attempted to apply to our continent the principles of preventive war, a fascist doctrine at service of State terrorism. Now, as the Fourth Fleet is reestablished, the United States brings to the continent militarization, arms race and nuclear threat – for the Fourth Fleet will be equipped with nuclear aircraft carriers. Such a measure deserves our most vehement rejection. That is also what we are expecting from progressive governments, popular movements and patriotic leaderships in the whole region.

Our concern and protest are extended to joint naval exercises held in the Brazilian coastline with the participation of the United States, Argentina, and Brazil in the occasion of the 49th UNITAS operation. During 12 days nuclear-powered and nuclear-equipped U.S. ships will perform military exercises in Brazilian territorial waters being headed by George Washington, the nuclear aircraft carrier that is considered the greatest weapon of the United States, loaded with nuclear torpedoes, Tomahawks and high-depth nuclear bombs, as well as aircrafts loaded with six to ten nuclear bombs. Our patriotic conscience cannot accept such exercises as routine acts. They are aggressive in character. Their existence and frequent operation tarnish the sovereignty of the countries that take part in and provide the backdrop to those exercises.

The reestablishment of the U.S. Fourth Fleet as an aggressive interventionist force and the military exercises practiced in the South Atlantic Ocean are part of the United States' imperialism and war policy, against which rises the democratic, independent and pacifist conscience of Latin American peoples, as well as the peace movements in the region and all over the world.

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