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The Governments of Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Chile, the French Republic, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, the Union of South Africa, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America,

Having accepted the invitation extended to them on May 2, 1958, by the Government of the United States of America to participate in a Conference on Antarctica to be attended by representatives of the twelve nations which cooperated in the Antarctic Program of the International Geophysical Year;

Appointed their respective Representatives, who are listed below by countries:

### Argentina

#### Representative

His Excellency  
Adolfo Scilingo  
(Head of Delegation)

#### Alternate Representative

Dr. Francisco R. Bello

Australia

Representatives

The Right Honorable  
Richard Gardiner Casey, C.H., D.S.O., M.C., M.P.  
(Head of Delegation)

His Excellency the Honorable  
Howard Beale, Q.C.  
(Deputy Head of Delegation)

Alternate Representatives

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M. R. Booker

Belgium

Representative

His Excellency  
Viscount Obert de Thieusies  
(Head of Delegation)

Alternate Representatives

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Alfred van der Essen

Chile

Representatives

His Excellency  
Marcial Mora  
(Head of Delegation)

His Excellency  
Enrique Gajardo

His Excellency  
Julio Escudero

Alternate Representative

Horacio Suarez

The French Republic

Representative

His Excellency  
Pierre Charpentier  
(Head of Delegation)

Alternate Representative

Guy Scalabre

Japan

Representatives

His Excellency  
Koichiro Asakai  
(Head of Delegation)

Takeso Shimoda

New Zealand

Representatives

The Right Honorable  
Walter Nash, C.H.  
(Head of Delegation)

A. D. McIntosh, C.M.G.  
(Deputy Head of Delegation)

Alternate Representative

G. D. L. White, M.V.O.

Norway

Representatives

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Paul Koht  
(Head of Delegation)

Torfinn Oftung  
(Deputy Head of Delegation)

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Gunnar Haerum

Union of South Africa

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Eric H. Louw  
(Head of Delegation)

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W. C. du Plessis  
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United States of America

Representative

The Honorable  
Herman Phleger  
(Head of Delegation)

Alternate Representatives

The Honorable  
Paul C. Daniels

George H. Owen

The Conference met at Washington on October 15, 1959. It had before it as a basis for discussion working papers considered in the course of informal preparatory talks among representatives of the twelve countries who had met in Washington following the afore-said invitation of the Government of the United States of America.

At the opening Plenary Session of the Conference the Honorable Herman Phleger, Head of the United States Delegation, was elected Chairman of the Conference. Mr. Henry E. Allen was appointed Secretary General of the Conference and Rapporteur.

The Conference established two Committees under rotating chairmanship to deal with the items on the agenda of the Conference. Following initial consideration of such items, these Committees were reconstituted as a Committee of the Whole. There were also established a Credentials Committee, a Drafting Committee, and a Committee on Style.

The final session of the Conference was held on December 1, 1959.

As a result of the deliberations of the Conference, as recorded in the summary records and reports of the respective Committees and

of the Plenary Sessions, the Conference formulated and submitted for signature on December 1, 1959, the Antarctic Treaty.

The Conference recommended to the participating Governments that they appoint representatives to meet in Washington within two months after the signing of the Treaty and thereafter at such times as may be convenient, pending the entry into force of the Treaty, to consult together and to recommend to their Governments such interim arrangements regarding the matters dealt with in the Treaty as they may deem desirable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the following Plenipotentiaries sign this Final Act.

DONE at Washington this first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine, in the English, French, Russian and Spanish languages, each version being equally authentic, in a single original which shall be deposited in the archives of the Government of the United States of America. The Government of the United States of America shall transmit certified copies thereof to all the other Governments represented at the Conference.

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ЗА ФРАНЦУЗСКУЮ РЕСПУБЛИКУ:  
POR LA REPUBLICA FRANCESA:

Pierre Charpentier

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FOR JAPAN:  
POUR LE JAPON:  
ЗА ЯПОНИЮ:  
POR JAPON:

Kichiro Aokai

V. Shimoda

FOR NEW ZEALAND  
POUR LA NOUVELLE-ZELANDE:  
ЗА НОВУЮ ЗЕЛАНДИЮ:  
POR NUEVA ZELANDIA:

*Y. D. White*

FOR NORWAY  
POUR LA NORVEGE:  
ЗА НОРВЕГИЮ:  
POR NORUEGA:

*Paul Kow*

FOR THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA:  
POUR L'UNION SUD-AFRICAINE:  
ЗА ЮЖНО-АФРИКАНСКИЙ СОЮЗ:  
POR LA UNION DEL AFRICA DEL SUR:

*Ventzel C. du Messis*

FOR THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS:  
POUR L'UNION DES REPUBLIQUES SOCIALISTES SOVIETIQUES:  
ЗА СОЮЗ СОВЕТСКИХ СОЦИАЛИСТИЧЕСКИХ РЕСПУБЛИК:  
POR LA UNION DE REPUBLICAS SOCIALISTAS SOVIETICAS:

*B. Rykoff.*  
*D. E. Euzen*

FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND:  
POUR LE ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD:  
ЗА СОЕДИНЕННОЕ КОРОЛЕВСТВО ВЕЛИКОБРИТАНИИ И СЕВЕРНОЙ ИРЛАНДИИ:  
POR EL REINO UNIDO DE GRAN BRETANA E IRLANDA DEL NORTE:

*Harold Cassa*

FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:  
POUR LES ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE:  
ЗА СОЕДИНЕННЫЕ ШТАТЫ АМЕРИКИ:  
POR LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMERICA:

*Herman Phleger*  
*Paul C. Daniels*

I CERTIFY THAT the foregoing is a true copy of the Final Act of the Conference on Antarctica signed at Washington on December 1, 1959 in the English, French, Russian, and Spanish languages, the signed original of which is deposited in the archives of the Government of the United States of America.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, CHRISTIAN A. HERTER, Secretary of State of the United States of America, have hereunto caused the seal of the Department of State to be affixed and my name subscribed by the Authentication Officer of the said Department, at the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, this second day of December, 1959.

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Secretary of State

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Authentication Officer  
Department of State

