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The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations presents its  
congratulatory message on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the

adoption of the Antarctic Treaty, which has been a landmark in the  
history of international law and cooperation in the Antarctic region.

The Antarctic Treaty, which entered into force in 1961, is a unique  
example of peaceful cooperation between nations in the pursuit of  
scientific research and the peaceful use of the continent.

The Japanese Government has always supported the Antarctic Treaty  
and has actively participated in the Antarctic Treaty Consultative  
Meeting (ATCM) since its inception in 1964.

Japan stresses that the balance of rights and obligations under the  
Treaty is essential for the stability and success of the Antarctic  
Treaty system.

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Japan v. Argentina, that the American mission will not take any action on the portion

of the mission which is under the control of the Japanese.

It is the policy of the American

Government to maintain the

policy of non-interference

in the internal affairs of

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