Argentina Hosts Legislators Conference; President Alfonsin Says New Forms Of Dependence Threaten World Order

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In an opening address Oct. 6 before the 76th inter-parliamentary conference in Buenos Aires, Argentine President Raul Alfonsin stated that new forms of dependence imposed on the world's weakest nations threaten to exacerbate existing international inequalities. Poor nations, he said, are experiencing reductions in economic and political independence, adding that these developments threaten world political and economic order. More than 800 delegates from 100 nations were in attendance at the conference hosted by Argentina. Alfonsin also reiterated criticisms of growing protectionism in developed capitalist nations, and the effects of placing the burden of the foreign debt on developing nations. He pointed out that in the past five years debtor nations have effectively forfeited ten years of economic development. Meanwhile, since 1981, Latin America has become a net capital exporter.

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