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According to a report by the Argentine Foreign Ministry, on June 2, 20 nations endorsed a convention on procedures for exploitation of mineral resources in the Antarctica. The signatories included Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, China, France, German Democratic Republic, India, Italy, Japan, Norway, New Zealand, Poland, South Africa, Soviet Union, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay and West Germany. The convention endorsement marked the end of negotiations at the fourth meeting of the Antarctic Treaty Member States on a resolution adopted at the 11th consultation meeting held in Buenos Aires in 1981. Sixteen of the 20 nations must ratify the convention prior to its implementation. (Basic data from Prensa Latina, 06/02/88)

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