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Letter dated 16 October 1970 from the Permanent Representative of  
Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the President of the  
General Assembly

I submit herewith the message addressed to you by Mr. Walter Ulbricht, Chairman of the Council of State of the German Democratic Republic, dated 14 October 1970, on the agenda item "Celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations".

I would be most grateful if you could circulate that message as an official document of the General Assembly.

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People's Republic of Bulgaria  
to the United Nations

MESSAGE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE OF  
THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of the Council of State, the Council of Ministers and the people of the German Democratic Republic, I convey to the commemorative sessions of the United Nations best greetings and wishes for further successful work for the well-being and benefit of mankind.

On the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the foundation of the United Nations, the German Democratic Republic pays tribute to the manifold efforts made by the Organization with a view to safeguarding international security and maintaining and strengthening world peace.

The United Nations, established as a result of the sacrificing struggle and victory of the peoples and States of the anti-Hitler coalition against German imperialism and its allies in the Second World War, in its Charter set itself the high aim to preclude new acts of aggression and to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war through a joint peace-securing system. In the twenty-five years since its foundation, the Organization has contributed by its activities towards checking the forces of aggression and preventing the outbreak of another world conflagration.

The German Democratic Republic, the anti-imperialist, socialist German national State, committed to humanitarianism, peace and international understanding from the outset, has always actively supported the principles and purposes of the United Nations Charter and has translated them into practice in its territory. It has included in its Socialist Constitution, as binding for all citizens, the rules of international law which are formulated in the Charter and serve peace and peaceful international co-operation, and it has declared as the highest principle of its policy to do everything to ensure that no more war will start from German soil.

The German Democratic Republic has consistently implemented the Potsdam Agreement, concluded in the same time, for the same reasons and in the same spirit as the Charter of the United Nations. As a consequence, militarism and fascism have been uprooted and fundamental socio-economic and political changes have been made that are prerequisite to a genuine and lasting peace policy. That is why this State, though no Member of the United Nations yet, has time

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and again stood up for the implementation of important international measures and treaties agreed upon at the initiative or with the co-operation of the United Nations, and has often spent major sums for such purposes.

The German Democratic Republic, staunch fighter for general and complete disarmament, made an active contribution to the conclusion of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, was one of the first States to sign it without any reservations and ratified it quickly, thus helping its coming into effect on 5 March 1970.

The German Democratic Republic, siding in solidarity with the peoples fighting against imperialist aggression, with disgust condemns the dirty war of United States imperialism and its allies against the peoples of Indo-China and demands the complete withdrawal of the aggressors from this area. Likewise it condemns the aggression of Israel and its backers against the Arab States and demands that the resolution of the Security Council of 22 November 1967 be fulfilled at long last.

The German Democratic Republic, in full accordance with the United Nations Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, has rendered broad political, moral and material support to the peoples and national liberation movements fighting the racist régimes in southern Africa and struggling to shake off the colonial yoke. It is developing an increasing scope of political and economic relations with Asian and African young nation-States and Latin American States striving to be free from imperialist exploitation and neo-colonialist dependence.

On account of its peace policy consistently applying the principles and decisions of the United Nations, the German Democratic Republic has the indisputable right to equal membership in the world Organization as well as its specialized agencies. Peace is indivisible and to maintain and secure it is a task of a universal nature. The past twenty-five years have given ample proof of how much the work and the efficacy of the United Nations are handicapped as this principle is still being offended against and States whose policies are consistent with the principles of the Charter are barred from equal co-operation and membership.

The experience of these twenty-five years confirms that the principle of universality in the Charter of the United Nations is rightly considered to be so highly important.

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The German Democratic Republic applied for admission to the United Nations on 28 February 1966. It placed on record its readiness to assume and fulfil conscientiously the duties ensuing from the United Nations Charter. On the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations foundation, the German Democratic Republic renews and reaffirms this readiness as it is convinced that, in the interest of peace and peaceful international co-operation, its admission to the United Nations and its specialized agencies brooks no delay. The consolidation of international security, détente and the development of normal relations among States call urgently for general respect for the principle of sovereign equality of States, the removal of any kind of discrimination and the implementation of the United Nations universality.

The German Democratic Republic has proposed to the Federal Republic of Germany that it should also apply for membership in the United Nations. The admission of the German Democratic Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Nations Organization would undoubtedly improve the conditions for establishing relations of peaceful coexistence between the two neighbour States and would thus also contribute to security in Europe, for the sake of all peoples.

The Council of State, the Council of Ministers and the people of the German Democratic Republic take occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations foundation to reaffirm that the German Democratic Republic, fully exercising its sovereign rights and duties, will continue to make every effort to get the primary objective of the United Nations - to secure peace and develop international peaceful co-operation - fulfilled with all States co-operating on an equal footing.

I ask you, Mr. President, to bring this message to the notice of all States Members of the United Nations Organization and to have it circulated as an official document of the General Assembly.

Accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my distinguished consideration.

Berlin, 14 October 1970

Walter ULBRICHT  
Chairman of the Council of State  
of the German Democratic Republic

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