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LETTER DATED 14 MARCH 1966 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF POLAND
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I wish to refer to the application by the German Democratic Republic for membership in the United Nations, circulated as official documents of the United Nations (documents A/6283 and S/7192) and, upon instruction of the Government of the Polish People's Republic, I have the honour to state the following:

Poland, being a close neighbour of the German Democratic Republic, enjoys friendly and broad political, economic and cultural relations with that State and is therefore particularly entitled to declare that the German Democratic Republic meets all the requirements of membership in the United Nations.

The German Democratic Republic is a sovereign, peace-loving State which maintains diplomatic, consular and official trade relations with a large and steadily growing number of States in various regions of the world. Furthermore, it has been a full-fledged party to many bilateral and multilateral international treaties, conventions and agreements. The German Democratic Republic co-operates also with numerous international organizations of inter-governmental character.

In the documents referred to at the beginning of this letter the highest authorities of the German Democratic Republic have solemnly declared that their country is prepared to accept and conscientiously to fulfil the obligations contained in the Charter of the United Nations. The whole policy of the German Democratic Republic stands as a proof that that State follows the purposes and the principles of the United Nations. The German Democratic Republic plays today an important role in reducing tensions in Central Europe. This is manifested by the continuous support offered by the Government of that State to all peaceful initiatives as well as by their own proposals. These proposals convincingly set out reasonable conditions for the establishment of co-operation between the two German States in the interest of the entire German nation.

All this proves that the German Democratic Republic is completely capable as a sovereign State to fulfil all obligations binding Member States under the Charter. The declaration of the German Democratic Republic of 28 February 1966 is therefore an expression of the will and of the ability of its Government to carry out these obligations. It has been issued with proper regard to the Potsdam Agreements stipulating that the German people shall be given, in due course, the opportunity to take their place among the free and peaceful peoples of the world.

The Polish People's Republic considers the admission of the German Democratic Republic as a necessary further step towards the universality of the United Nations. The admission will strengthen the authority of the Organization and enhance the role played by it as an instrument of peace.

Poland highly values the contribution made to the cause of peace and security in Central Europe by the German Democratic Republic - the first German State pursuing the policy of peaceful coexistence.

The Polish Government gives its full and unreserved support to the application of the German Democratic Republic for membership in the United Nations.

I should be grateful if you could have this letter published and circulated as an official Security Council document.

Accept, etc.

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Permanent Representative of Poland
to the United Nations
