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GENERAL BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL AND MINISTER FOR
FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA
REGARDING ALBANIA'S APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO
MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS

Tirana, 13 October 1948

The Albanian people, which gave what it held dearest, namely the blood and lives of its best sons, for the common victory over the fascist aggressors, has always regarded its participation in the United Nations as a legitimate and indisputable right. The People's Republic of Albania is a peaceful and democratic state which, both in its domestic and in its foreign policy, follows faithfully the lofty principles of the Charter of the United Nations and contributes to the utmost of its power to the maintenance and consolidation of peace and security throughout the world, there faithfully interpreting the aspirations and undeniable rights of its people, rights acquired at the cost of enormous sacrifices. The Government of the People's Republic of Albania requested, at the time, that Albania should be invited to the San Francisco Conference and later, in January and again in October 1946, in conformity with Article 4 of the Charter, submitted its application for admission to the United Nations. This application was twice rejected in the Security Council by certain Powers which, for reasons which were baseless and foreign to the purposes and principles of the United Nations, used their right of veto against the admission of Albania. The Government of the People's Republic of Albania, being both capable and sure of contributing to the realization of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and convinced that the Security Council will appraise at its just value Albania's irrefutable right to membership in the United Nations, today has the honour to renew its application for admission to the United Nations and declares its acceptance of and willingness to fulfil all the obligations of the Charter.

I ask you to be good enough to submit this application without delay to the Security Council and the General Assembly which are now in session.

(signed) Colonel-General Enver Hoxha

President of the Council and
Minister for Foreign Affairs