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Letter dated 4 March 1976 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the
Permanent Mission of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to
the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

As has become known, the delegation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the second session of the United Nations Commission on Transnational Corporations is headed by Mr. E. Günther, President of the "Federal Cartel Office", an agency which is illegally headquartered in West Berlin. Confirming the viewpoint of the Soviet Union in this connexion, as expressed in a letter of 24 March 1975 (A/100062), the Permanent Mission of the USSR would like, in addition, to call attention to the following.

The appointment of the head of the "Federal Cartel Office" as representative of the Federal Republic of Germany to the second session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations can only be considered an action designed to abuse the authority of the United Nations with a view to legalizing State agencies of the Federal Republic of Germany which are illegally situated in the western sectors of Berlin. West Berlin is not a constituent part of the Federal Republic of Germany and cannot be governed by it. The location of central government agencies of the Federal Republic of Germany in that city is illegal. Attempts to involve such agencies in international co-operation can only create unnecessary misunderstandings and complications.

I should be grateful if you would circulate this letter as an official document of the General Assembly under item 12 of the preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the thirty-first session of the General Assembly.

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