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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION:  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION

Letter dated 23 December 1976 from the Permanent Representative  
of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the President of  
the General Assembly

As you are well aware, the delegation of the People's Republic of Bulgaria had requested, and was subsequently put on the list of speakers, to make a statement after the vote, on behalf of a number of delegations of socialist countries, Members of the United Nations, on agenda item 66 related to the suspension of the thirty-first session of the General Assembly, at the 107th plenary meeting, held on 22 December 1976.

In view of the fact that it was through no fault of the Bulgarian delegation that it was not given the floor and taking into consideration your statement on the above matter, I have the honour to forward to you the statement herewith enclosed, in English and Russian, which the Bulgarian delegation was to deliver. I would be grateful if Your Excellency would arrange for it to be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item 66 of the thirty-first regular session.

(Signed) Dr. Alexander YANKOV  
Deputy Foreign Minister,  
Permanent Representative of  
the People's Republic of  
Bulgaria to the United Nations

ANNEX

Statement on the proposal to convene a resumed thirty-first session of the General Assembly to discuss the questions related to the work of the Conference on International Economic Co-operation in Paris

1. The delegations of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Hungarian People's Republic, the German Democratic Republic, the Mongolian People's Republic, the Polish People's Republic, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic and the People's Republic of Bulgaria have advocated since the very outset that the international economic problems which are being discussed at the Conference on International Economic Co-operation should be treated not within a narrow circle but in broad forums, with the participation of all countries concerned.
2. The discussion at the current session of the General Assembly of the questions related to the Conference in Paris demonstrated that those questions could be examined at the forthcoming sessions of the economic organs of the United Nations in 1977 or at the thirty-second session of the General Assembly, all the more so because the current session adopted a special decision to consider at the thirty-second session in its entirety the question of progress in the implementation of the United Nations decisions on the establishment of the new international economic order.
3. In favour of such a solution there are also factors like the absence of information on what is going on at the Paris Conference, the lack of clarity in the schedule of its work and, therefore, lack of clarity in the results which should be the subject of examination at the resumed session of the General Assembly. In these conditions, in the opinion of our delegations, the decision to convene a resumed session is a premature one. A factor of no less importance also is the non-compliance with the pattern of conferences and the substantial additional expenses for the holding of the resumed session of the General Assembly. Our delegations express their objections to that, having in mind the difficult financial situation of the United Nations.
4. In the light of the above considerations, the delegations on whose behalf I have the honour to speak express their doubts on the justification of the convening of a resumed session.

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