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GOVERNMENT OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

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In connexion with the agenda and proceedings of the sixteenth session of the United Nations General Assembly and with resolution 1664 (XVI) of 4 December 1961, I have the honour to inform you of the position of my Government as regards the conditions under which it would be willing to enter into specific undertakings to refrain from manufacturing or acquiring atomic weapons.

The Government of the German Democratic Republic supports any step that serves to ensure peace and bring about general and complete disarmament. It therefore welcomes the resolution on general and complete disarmament unanimously adopted by the General Assembly on 20 December 1961.

During the fifteenth session of the General Assembly the Government of the German Democratic Republic transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations a memorandum (A/4504) in which, mindful of the responsibility of the German people for the maintenance of peace in Europe, it proposed the elimination of a major hotbed of international conflict through a process of general and complete disarmament, in stages, of the two German States. This proposal required, inter alia, that the two German States should undertake to refrain from the acquisition, manufacture and stationing of nuclear weapons. Implementation of the German Democratic Republic's plan would keep all of Germany aloof from atomic armament.

In this context the Government of the German Democratic Republic would like to draw attention to the well-known proposal of the People's Republic of Poland regarding the creation of a denuclearized zone in Central Europe. As early as 5 October 1957, I cabled the President of the General Assembly my Government's approval of this proposal (A/3804).

Inasmuch as both the Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic and, according to their recent declarations, the Governments of Sweden and Finland support the idea of setting up denuclearized zones, it is now entirely possible to create a broad denuclearized region in Europe stretching from Scandinavia to the Adriatic. The only obstacle to this is the negative attitude of the West German Government.

In view of the yearning of all peoples to avert the danger of atomic war, the Government of the German Democratic Republic also attaches great importance to the adoption of resolutions to prevent the wider dissemination of nuclear weapons (1664 (XVI) and 1665 (XVI)) and to create a denuclearized zone in Africa (1652 (XVI)).

However, the Government of the German Democratic Republic cannot pass over in silence the fact that the West German Government is engaging in accelerated rearmament for atomic warfare, permits the stockpiling of United States nuclear weapons in its territory, itself tries to acquire control of such weapons and establishes bases for nuclear weapons carriers. West Germany's atomic armament is designed to serve a revanchist policy which is unmistakably aimed at the German Democratic Republic and other socialist States. It will be recalled that on the occasion of the sixteenth session of the General Assembly the Government of the German Democratic Republic took the liberty of communicating to the President of the General Assembly and the representatives of Member States extensive factual data on these matters in a memorandum transmitted through the Czechoslovak delegation.

The Government of the German Democratic Republic is prepared to undertake to refrain from acquiring, manufacturing and stationing nuclear weapons and from acquiring control of such weapons on condition that the West German Federal Republic makes the same declaration and provides guarantees for its observance. The Government of the German Democratic Republic maintains its proposals for disarmament or the reduction of armaments in both German States put forward in the above-mentioned United Nations documents. In particular, it is prepared immediately to conclude appropriate agreements concerning the creation of a denuclearized zone in Europe embracing both German States.

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Ministers and Minister of Foreign
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