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Letter dated 12 March 1969 addressed to the Secretary-General by the
Permanent Representative of Romania to the United Nations

With reference to the letters of 21 December 1968 from the Permanent Representatives of the United States of America, France and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, distributed as General Assembly documents A/7480, A/7481 and A/7482, I have the honour to state the following on the instructions of my Government:

The Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania considers it necessary to reaffirm its well-known position, namely, that one of the facts of history emerging from and established as a result of the Second World War is the existence of the two German States - the German Democratic Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany. Recognition of this fact is one of the prerequisites for a reasonable and effective approach to the questions of peace and security in Europe.

The German Democratic Republic, an independent and sovereign State, is asserting itself as an active element in international relations. Its Government

is the only Government entitled to represent the German Democratic Republic in international relations.

Consequently, the assertion made in the letters of 21 December 1968 from the representatives of the United States of America, France and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland that "The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany is the sole German Government freely and lawfully elected and, therefore, authorized to speak in the name of Germany as representative of the German people in international affairs" is without any foundation.

I request you to have this letter distributed as an official document of the General Assembly.

(Signed) Prof. Gheorghe DIACONESCU
Ambassador, Permanent Representative
of Romania to the United Nations
