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ROMANIA: REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM IN  
THE AGENDA OF THE EIGHTEENTH SESSION

ACTIONS ON THE REGIONAL LEVEL WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING GOOD  
NEIGHBOURLY RELATIONS AMONG EUROPEAN STATES HAVING DIFFERENT  
SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SYSTEMS

Letter dated 25 September 1963 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs  
of Romania addressed to the Secretary-General

In accordance with the instructions of the Government of the Romanian People's Republic, I have the honour to request under rule 15 of the rules of procedure, that given its important character, the following item be included in the agenda of the eighteenth session of the General Assembly:

"Actions on the regional level with a view to improving good neighbourly relations among European States having different social and political systems."

An explanatory memorandum under the terms of rule 20 of the rules of procedure is attached herewith.

(Signed) Corneliu MANESCU,  
Minister for Foreign Affairs,  
Chairman of the Delegation of the Romanian  
People's Republic to the eighteenth session  
of the General Assembly.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. The fifteenth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations included in its agenda, at the proposal of the Romanian People's Republic, the item entitled "Actions on the regional level with a view to improving good neighbourly relations among European States having different social and political systems". In the explanatory memorandum circulated on the introduction of that issue, the Romanian delegation expressed its conviction that "any improvement in the relations among States on a regional level would contribute to the improvement of international relations as a whole, to the creation of a favourable atmosphere for peace in the whole world, for international security, for settlement of the big yet unsolved international issues".<sup>1/</sup>
2. Given that the agenda of the fifteenth session was overcharged and that the time was lacking for an efficient examination of that item, the Romanian delegation did not insist on its being discussed at that time.
3. During the ensuing period, it has appeared that the idea of regional agreements under various aspects has been gaining ever more support and that the efficacy of such measures is attested by numerous proposals. Thus, the progress of the idea of establishing denuclearized zones, which corresponds to the aspirations of all peoples for peace and security, is confirmed by the proposals for denuclearization regarding various geographical regions of the globe.
4. With reference to Europe, there exist proposals aiming at the establishment of denuclearized zones in Northern and in Central Europe, in the Balkans, as well as in the regions of the Adriatic Sea and the Mediterranean Sea.
5. Numerous other proposals have been also made, providing for measures conducive to the improvement of international relations, to the strengthening of security, to the elimination of the regional sources of conflict, to the settlement of the yet unsolved issues by way of negotiation and to the promotion of mansided co-operation between European States having different social and political systems.
6. Out of the desire that the General Assembly should begin the examination of these proposals, focussing the attention upon the most important and the most urgent ones, and that it should recommend principles and measures of a nature to

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<sup>1/</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Annexes,  
agenda item 75, document A/4440, para. 4.

facilitate the negotiation and conclusion of such regional agreements between the States concerned, the Government of the Romanian People's Republic requests the re-inclusion of the item "Actions of the regional level with a view to improving good neighbourly relations among European States having different social and political systems".

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