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OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Letter dated 6 February 1974 from the representatives of Bulgaria
and the German Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to transmit to you part III of the Joint Declaration of the Party and Government Delegations of the German Democratic Republic and the People's Republic of Bulgaria concerning the international situation, which was signed on the occasion of the visit that a Party and Government Delegation of the People's Republic of Bulgaria paid to the German Democratic Republic from 21 to 24 January 1974.

We request you, Mr. Secretary-General, to circulate this part of the Joint Declaration as an official document relating to the item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security" of the agenda of the twenty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly and to the resolutions adopted concerning this subject.

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The signing of this treaty and the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, the Hungarian People's Republic, the People's Republic of Bulgaria and the Federal Republic of Germany are significant steps along the road to European security and co-operation, to the continued recovery of the political atmosphere in Europe.

The German Democratic Republic and Bulgaria welcome the resolution a/ on the reduction of the military expenditure of the permanent members of the United Nations Security Council which the United Nations General Assembly adopted at the initiative of the USSR, as well as the other partial measures and initiatives that are aimed at universal and total disarmament.

The two sides affirm their fraternal solidarity with the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet-Nam. They are determined to go on helping the fraternal Viet-Nameese people comprehensively in the future to overcome the consequences of the war and strengthen socialism in the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam. They consistently support the policy of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet-Nam which is aimed at the strict fulfilment of the Paris Agreement.

Both sides declare for the strict fulfilment of the agreement restoring peace and realizing national concord in Laos and assure the fighting patriotic forces of Cambodia of their solidarity.

The German Democratic Republic and Bulgaria affirm their support for the just struggle the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is waging to push through the legitimate interests of the Korean people and, together with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, call for the withdrawal of all foreign troops from South Korea.

Both delegations underlined the necessity of creating a collective security system in Asia. In particular, they appreciated the vast efforts the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and the Soviet Government are directing at this aim.

The delegations of the German Democratic Republic and Bulgaria appreciated the visit to India of L. I. Brezhnev, and the outcome of the talks with Prime Minister Indira Gandhi as a significant contribution toward the consolidation of peace in the world.

Both sides emphatically condemn the fascist putsch of the military junta in Chile. They call most forcefully for the discontinuance of the bloody terror and the immediate release of Luis Corvalan and of all other Chilean patriots.

The German Democratic Republic and the People's Republic of Bulgaria stand up decisively for the immediate liquidation of the Middle East conflict, which arose as a result of the Israeli aggression against the Arab peoples. They actively support the United Nations Security Council's latest decisions for the all-round

a/ General Assembly resolution 3093 (XXVIII).

peaceful and just settlement of the Middle East problems. They state that the unconditional implementation of the Security Council resolutions of November 1967 and October 1973 is the only way to the just settlement of the conflict, to lasting peace and security for all States and peoples of this region, including the Arab people of Palestine. The two delegations welcome the occurrence of the Geneva Conference and expect the decisions of this conference to contribute substantially toward a stable and just peace in the Middle East.

The German Democratic Republic and Bulgaria appreciate the great importance of the friendship and close collaboration between the States of the socialist community and all States and peoples who are fighting for their freedom, the consolidation of their political and economic independence and for equal international co-operation, against imperialism, colonialism, neo-colonialism and racism. In this context, they underline the positive results of the Algiers conference of non-aligned States. Its anti-imperialist and anti-colonial character is strengthening the forces of peace and social progress in the world.

Both delegations appreciate the World Congress of Peace Forces that was held in Moscow as an event of high international ranking in the people's struggle for lasting peace and international security. The Congress marks a new stage in this struggle and bears witness to the fact that a world-wide alliance of all peace forces is now emerging in the outcome of the years of tireless efforts of the USSR, all its allies and the other democratic forces.

The Party and Government Delegation from Bulgaria welcomes the admission of the German Democratic Republic into the United Nations. Both sides regard this success as a significant result of the joint efforts of the community of socialist States. The Party and Government Delegation of the German Democratic Republic thanked the Party and State leadership of Bulgaria for the constant active solidarity, assistance and support Bulgaria granted the German Democratic Republic in its struggle for recognition under international law.

The Party and Government Delegation of the German Democratic Republic deeply appreciates the active and consistent foreign policy Bulgaria is aiming at the consolidation of peace and security in Europe and the world, particularly its contribution toward the development of good-neighbourly relations in the Balkans.

The Party and Government Delegation from Bulgaria appreciates the constructive foreign policy of the German Democratic Republic and its contribution toward détente and security in Europe and the world. It expresses its gratification that, as a firm component of the socialist community, the German Democratic Republic is now helping to shape international relations in a fully equal capacity.

Both States stand up for complementing the political détente with the aim of introducing the disarmament process by means of practical measures that are designed to contain the arms race. The two sides will contribute constructively within the meaning of this intent toward the Vienna Talks on the Reduction of Forces and Armaments in Central Europe.