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Letter dated 21 December 1989 from the Permanent Representative of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward herewith two declarations made by the Federal Assembly (Parliament) and by the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic on 19 December 1989 concerning the present developments in the Socialist Republic of Romania.

Federal Assembly:

"The House of People and the House of Nations of the Federal Assembly of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic were deeply embittered to receive the news about the brutal assaults that were and are being launched in these days against the citizens of Romania, who are exercising their inalienable right to assembly. The Houses bear in mind particularly the immeasurable consequences of the loss of human lives that has occurred as a result of those assaults".

Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

"The Ministry expresses deep concern over the present developments in the Romanian town of Timisoara. It protests emphatically against the use of armed forces and security units against the demonstrators. It regards the means applied to suppress the demonstration as inappropriate. The Ministry requests that the provisions of the Final Document of the Vienna follow-up meeting relating to the observance of human rights be complied with on the part of the Romanian leadership".

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I would be most grateful if you could have the text of the two declarations circulated as an official document of the forty-fifth session of the General Assembly, under the items entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council", "International Covenants on human rights" and "Effective implementation of United Nations instruments on human rights and effective functioning of bodies established pursuant to such instruments".

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