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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE STRENGTHENING  
OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Letter dated 30 June 1975 from the Acting Permanent Representative  
of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations  
addressed to the Secretary-General

In connexion with General Assembly resolution 3332 (XXIX), on the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security, the Permanent Mission of the USSR to the United Nations has the honour to communicate the following.

The Soviet Union considers that the development of events on the international scene over the five years that have elapsed since the adoption at the twenty-fifth session of the General Assembly of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security 1/ has most convincingly confirmed the correctness and urgency of the tasks set in this important United Nations document.

As in past years, the Soviet Union has continued since the twenty-ninth session of the General Assembly to exert persistent efforts aimed at consistently implementing the basic provisions of the Declaration, jointly with other socialist countries and all peace-loving forces, and thereby contributing to further international détente and to its extension to all regions of the world.

As a result of these efforts, the principles of the peaceful coexistence of States with different social systems are becoming more and more firmly established in international relations. These principles find expression in a series of bilateral and multilateral agreements and declarations and in the operation of the machinery for political contacts at the summit level. In this connexion, one should note the important constructive contribution to the strengthening of universal

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1/ General Assembly resolution 2734 (XXV).

peace made by the meetings of the General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, Mr. L. I. Brezhnev, with the President of the United States of America, Mr. G. Ford, in Vladivostok and with the President of France, Mr. V. Giscard d'Estaing, in Rambouillet at the end of 1974.

This year too a number of appreciable steps have been made towards strengthening and developing the favourable changes on the international scene. The work of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe is approaching completion, and the experience of this Conference could be used by States of other continents too. The elimination of the dangerous military hotbed in Viet-Nam creates more favourable conditions for furthering the process of détente in Asia. Yet another step has been made in the sphere of disarmament - the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction has entered into force.

While noting such achievements, all attention must be concentrated on the tasks which still remain: resolute measures must be taken to end the arms race and reduce armaments, to organize the third stage of the European Conference at the highest level in the near future, to establish a just and lasting peace in the Middle East and to ensure the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus. These and other urgent tasks require the combined efforts of all sincere supporters of peace in the world.

The historic victory over fascism in the Second World War, the thirtieth anniversary of which was recently widely celebrated, led to far-reaching socio-political changes and the strengthening of the forces of peace throughout the world. The address by the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR and the Soviet Government to the peoples, parliaments and Governments of all countries on the occasion of Victory Day confirmed the firm intention of the Soviet people and the Soviet Government to do everything in their power, together with other peoples and States, to exclude war from the life of mankind.

At the present time, the world is entering a period when the task of realizing the principles of peaceful coexistence and mutually advantageous co-operation in day-to-day practical affairs is moving to the forefront. The United Nations, which is celebrating its thirtieth anniversary this year, must do much more than it has done up to now. The conditions of international détente create exceptionally favourable opportunities for this. The United Nations has an increasing responsibility for contributing to the solution of urgent international problems and making the process of international détente irreversible.

The Soviet Union will continue consistently and steadfastly to promote the intensification of United Nations efforts to implement the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security and to enhance the effectiveness of the Organization on the basis of strict observance of its Charter.

I request you to circulate this letter from the Permanent Mission of the USSR to the United Nations as an official document of the General Assembly under item 51 of the preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the thirtieth regular session of the General Assembly - "Implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security".

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of the USSR to the  
United Nations

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