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THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Letter dated 11 November 1991 from the Permanent
Representative of Bulgaria to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the Declaration by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria in connection with the meeting in Rome of the State and government leaders of the States members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

I would very much appreciate it if you would have the text of this Declaration circulated as a document of the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly under agenda item 68.

(Signed) Svetlomir BAEV
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

DECLARATION BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE
REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA DATED 9 NOVEMBER 1991

In reference to the Declaration for Peace and Cooperation and the other documents adopted at the meeting of the State and government leaders of the States members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in Rome on 8 November 1991, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria states the following.

The Republic of Bulgaria welcomes the results of the meeting of State and government leaders of the States members of the North Atlantic Alliance in Rome on 7 and 8 November 1991, and the statements on the Soviet Union and on Yugoslavia adopted at that meeting.

We appreciate the Rome Declaration for Peace and Cooperation as a decisive contribution to the establishment of the new peaceful European order. It marks a major phase in the consolidation of the role of the North Atlantic Alliance as a guarantor of the security and a source of stability and change in a new Europe. This is a role which Bulgaria highly appreciates and supports.

We welcome with appreciation the new strategy of NATO as proclaimed in Rome, a strategy based on dialogue, cooperation and maintaining the necessary defence potential for guaranteeing stability in Europe and for effectively countering any potential threats to its security.

We highly appreciate NATO's declared firm intention to contribute to further strengthening the bodies and structures of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) in the spirit of the Paris Charter. Bulgaria will participate actively in the efforts to promote the CSCE as a forum for consultations and effective cooperation in the field of security and disarmament, conflict prevention and the peaceful settlement of disputes, and the protection of human rights and democratic institutions.

Bulgaria welcomes and fully accepts the proposals contained in the Rome Declaration on the establishment of regular political consultations and cooperation on matters of security between NATO and the countries of central and Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. Such initiatives constitute a qualitatively new step towards partnership between NATO and the young democracies of the eastern part of the continent.

We are ready to participate in the Meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the 25 nations in Brussels in December, which should adopt a joint political declaration and should define the substance and concrete forms of future partnership.

We are of the opinion that the regular meetings of the ministers for foreign affairs and the ambassadors of the new Eastern European democracies

with the North Atlantic Council will make it possible for issues of peace and stability in the eastern part of the continent to be included at an earlier stage in the process of important decision-making. We are particularly appreciative of the possibility of convening extraordinary meetings with the North Atlantic Council on a ministerial or ambassadorial level, whenever there is an objective need for it.

We accept the invitation for regular meetings between our representatives and the Political, Economic and Military Committees, as well as with other NATO political and military bodies. We are ready to broaden our cooperation and consultations with NATO on matters of military planning, military-civilian relations in a democratic society, transparency in foreign and defence policy, coordination between military and civilian air traffic control agencies, and the conversion of the military industry.

The forthcoming visit of the President of Bulgaria, Dr. Zhelyu Zhelev, to NATO headquarters will provide an opportunity for us to present and discuss with our North Atlantic partners our views about the future development of the relations between Bulgaria and NATO in the light of the decisions taken in Rome.