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ON THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Letter dated 2 December 1991 from the Permanent  
Representative of the Netherlands to the United  
Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the text, in English and French, of a declaration of the European Community and its member States on Ukraine issued on 2 December 1991 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 68.

(Signed) Robert J. van SCHAİK  
Ambassador,  
Permanent Representative

Annex

DECLARATION ON UKRAINE

(European Political Cooperation Ministerial Meeting,  
Brussels, 2 December 1991)

The European Community and its member States have taken note of the referendum in Ukraine in which a clear majority expressed itself in favour of independence. They welcome the democratic manner in which the Ukrainian people declared their wish for their Republic to attain full sovereignty.

As the transformation of the Soviet Union enters this crucial phase it is incumbent upon the representatives of Ukraine, of the Union and of the other Republics to take matters forward in a peaceful, democratic and orderly way. The European Community and its member States call upon Ukraine to pursue with the Union and the other Republics an open and constructive dialogue intended to ensure that all the Soviet Union's existing international obligations and commitments are carried out.

They expect Ukraine to honour all commitments of the Soviet Union under the Helsinki Final Act, the Charter of Paris and other relevant documents of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, especially those concerning the protection of persons belonging to national minorities.

The European Community and its member States in particular expect Ukraine to honour and, as appropriate, to implement all international obligations of the Soviet Union in respect of arms control and nuclear non-proliferation, and to do nothing which might call into question control of nuclear weapons on Ukrainian territory. They expect Ukraine to join the other Republics in accepting joint and several liability for the Soviet Union's foreign debts.

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