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Letter dated 18 September 1981 from the Permanent Representative of
Romania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a message from the President of the Socialist Republic of Romania, Nicolae Ceausescu, to the participants in the International Symposium "Scientists and Peace" (annex I), and the appeal by the participants in the symposium (annex II).

I should be obliged if you would have the text of the message and the appeal circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda items 14, 39, 44, 48, 51, 55, 58 and 69.

(Signed) Teodor MARINESCU
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Permanent Representative to the
United Nations

ANNEX I

Message to the participants in the International Symposium
"Scientists and Peace" from the President of the Socialist
Republic of Romania

It gives me particular pleasure to send to you, the participants in the Symposium "Scientists and Peace" which opens today in Bucharest - distinguished figures in contemporary science and technology - cordial greetings and best wishes for the success of the meeting, so that it may give an impetus to the struggle of progressive forces throughout the world for world progress and peace.

The Socialist Republic of Romania attaches the greatest importance to scientific activities; it gives the achievements of science and culture a place among the very foundations of its efforts to construct the new socialist system, in the belief that they are vital factors for progress and civilization.

We are living in the era of the greatest advances in scientific thought that mankind has ever experienced throughout the ages, in the midst of the most awesome technical and scientific revolution, marked by extraordinary discoveries which are constantly changing man's ideas about nature, society and the universe and influencing all aspects of human existence. We see science directly influencing the never-ending change in the conditions of material production, the discovery of the secrets of matter and the increasingly efficient exploitation of our natural wealth and the development of the creative capacity of peoples.

The development of a nation - both in terms of enhancement of the productive forces of society and as regards thinking and mental creativity - is inconceivable without the input of advanced science and technology. One cannot even envisage the future of mankind without the major accomplishments of scientific thought.

However, we must candidly admit that a great many of the major discoveries of scientific research and technological innovation are currently used for the production of highly sophisticated weapons of mass destruction, from atomic weapons down. We are witnessing a particularly alarming emphasis on the arms race, and a major build-up of military arsenals capable of annihilating the entire planet and endangering the very existence of mankind.

We see tension growing, world-wide, as a result of the imperialist policies of domination, force and diktat. A strong tendency to consolidate and divide up spheres of influence is evident, and conflicts between States and groups of States are becoming more and more bitter.

At the same time, peoples throughout the world are asserting with increasing vigour their will to live in freedom, to develop in complete independence, to put an end for ever to colonialism, neo-colonialism and all forms of oppression, to secure the democratic and progressive renewal of society, to ensure the welfare of the great working masses and to introduce a genuinely new set of relationships on the world scene involving full equality between countries, détente, collaboration and peace.

Socialist Romania is doing all in its power to develop its relations with all States irrespective of their social system. We base our relations with all countries on the principles of full equality of rights, profound respect for national independence and sovereignty, non-interference in internal affairs and non-use of force or threat of force. We believe that every effort must be made to stop the deterioration in the world situation, to ensure that all problems arising between States are settled exclusively by negotiation and to revive and pursue policies of détente and peace.

In the serious international situation which now obtains, scientists bear a tremendous responsibility for the present and future of mankind. No one knows better than the scientist or researcher the destructive power of modern weapons and the danger which the continuing arms race poses to civilization, to the security of peoples and to the very survival of humanity.

The choice between a policy of intensifying the arms race and manufacturing new nuclear weapons of mass destruction and a policy of disarmament, détente and peace is today a question of conscience.

There is no middle course!

It is obvious that scientists, who are very well aware of the destructive power of weapons, especially nuclear weapons, cannot but side with the policy of disarmament and peace. They therefore have a greater duty than ever to speak out and do all they can to ensure that the amazing attainments of the human spirit are no longer used in the manufacture of weapons of mass destruction, in preparing for war or to serve the policies of aggression, force and domination. The noblest task of scientists and researchers, in all fields and throughout the world, is to see to it that the entire potential of modern science and technology is devoted to the progress, welfare, freedom and independence of peoples and to the preservation of the supreme human right to life and to peace.

We must work with great determination and resolve for an end to the arms race, for disarmament, especially nuclear disarmament, for a cessation of the deployment and development of medium-range missiles in Europe, against the production of the neutron bomb, for a reduction in military budgets and armed forces, for the final abandonment of the use or threat of force in international life and for the creation of a world without weapons and without wars.

Under-development affects most of the population of the earth; nearly half a billion people suffer from chronic malnutrition. We must therefore establish a new international economic order guaranteeing free access by all peoples, particularly the least advanced, to the amazing achievements of the human spirit - a new international economic order which will guarantee the free flow of knowledge and discoveries and turn science into something that belongs to all mankind.

As the world economic crisis grows worse, science can play a particularly important role in the discovery and development of new sources of energy and raw materials to be placed at the disposal of people everywhere, making the earth more

fertile, increasing its output and solving the great food problem. It has an obligation to contribute to protecting the health of people throughout the world, combating pollution, improving the environment, protecting natural resources and transforming the earth into a verdant garden which can sustain a decent existence for all peoples.

Scientists and specialists in Romania, being profoundly dedicated to the interests of the people, devote all their energies to Romania's economic and social prosperity while at the same time co-operating actively with scientists of other countries in campaigning for progress, for disarmament and for the basic right of all nations to existence, peace and freedom.

Nowadays, the peoples, the masses, throughout the world play an essential role in determining the course of history.

Scientists, vitally involved in the cause of progress and peace, must fight side by side with the peoples for the right to live and work in peace, freely to build their own future without external interference or pressure, to devote their resources and energies to their material and spiritual well-being. Scientists, whatever their philosophical, political and religious views, must close ranks and, together with the peace-loving and anti-imperialistic forces throughout the world, take a stand against the imperialist policy of domination, against war, and for a world of justice, equality and peace.

It is more important than ever to organize a world-wide front of scientists to act and convey their authoritative views to the United Nations, the Committee on Disarmament and other international bodies, concerning disarmament and the establishment of lasting peace on earth.

We are firmly convinced that united action by the men of science and culture, the workers and the progressive forces of all peoples can end the arms race and bring about a move to general disarmament, and in particular nuclear disarmament.

Let us do all we can to ensure for our children and grandchildren, for our generation and future generations, peace, freedom and happiness in a world without war, a more humane, more just and better world!

In keeping with these sentiments, I am convinced that this important meeting in Bucharest will have a great impact on researchers and scientists throughout the world, and I send you my most cordial wishes for much success and satisfaction in your noble work for the advancement of science and for the cause of collaboration, peace and the independence of peoples.

NICOLAE CEAUSESCU
President of the Socialist Republic
of Romania

Bucharest, 3 September 1981

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ANNEX II

Appeal by the participants in the International Symposium
"Scientists and Peace"

Meeting in Bucharest on 4 and 5 September 1981 for the Symposium "Scientists and Peace" in order to discuss, in a wide-ranging and fruitful dialogue, the fundamental issue of the present day - peace, to which all mankind nobly aspires - we, the scientists from many countries of the world and from all continents, aware of the serious hazards which science and its servants may pose to the halting of the arms race, to continuing progress and to the future of the whole world, urgently appeal to scientists, researchers and intellectuals everywhere, and to all peoples, to join forces and co-operate ever more closely in defence of peace the supreme good of mankind.

The world today is witnessing not only the giant strides of science and technology, as evidenced by awesome discoveries affecting all areas of human existence, but also anachronistic actions which go against the interests of mankind, applying the products of science and technology to destructive ends injurious to the peace and freedom of peoples. Our age is one in which mankind is confronted by highly complex problems, with a new, frenzied arms race, unprecedented growth of military budgets, and the manufacture and development of new means of mass destruction, all of which severely aggravate the international situation, weighing more and more heavily on peoples and increasing the danger of conflagrations which may destroy life everywhere on earth and civilization itself, as it has evolved over the millenia.

Let us, in full awareness of the fact that scientists, faced with the alternative of peace or war, have a duty to defend peace, say a firm NO to war and armaments, this being not only our moral responsibility but essential to the continued existence of all mankind. We call on all scientists, whatever their political, philosophical, religious or other beliefs, to work side by side with the peoples of their countries to halt the deterioration in the international situation, the arms policy, so that we may resume and tirelessly pursue the course towards détente, peace and wide-ranging international collaboration!

Let us act now, before it is too late, now, when we have so great a responsibility for the fate of mankind, to end the arms race, to bring about disarmament, especially nuclear disarmament, to create a world without weapons and without wars and to defend the basic right of individuals and peoples - the right to life and to peace.

Let us, as scientists more aware than anyone of the destructive power of modern weapons and the tremendous danger they present to the security of peoples and to the very survival of humanity, join forces more closely and act resolutely against the use of atomic energy for other than peaceful purposes! Let us do all we can to ensure that the immense potential of scientific and technical research is not used for weapons production but contributes exclusively to economic development and

progress in every country, to the preservation of the finest that the human spirit has accomplished and to the creation of new and important values!

In present circumstances, when there exist numerous economic, social and political problems at the world level, it is our special duty as scientists constantly to increase our contribution to the solution of these problems for the well-being of all nations. Let us use our discoveries to close the great gaps between the rich and poor countries of the world, to eradicate the malnutrition and under-development affecting two thirds of the world population, to eliminate the diseases which continue to claim millions of human lives, and to protect the environment and conserve it for the benefit of future generations! Let us exert every effort to discover new sources of energy and raw materials, to solve the problems of food, water supply, health, and so forth, on which depend the progress and the future of all mankind! Let us resolutely oppose any obstacle to the movement of the world's scientific and cultural assets, so that all peoples can derive extensive benefit from the awesome accomplishments of science and technology, so that science may truly become the property of all mankind!

Today, international peace and security provide the most favourable conditions for economic and social progress and for the application of what the human spirit has achieved, the daunting modern technical and scientific revolution, to the benefit of all mankind. Consequently, every effort, every action by scientific and cultural associations, civic organizations and private individuals, or by politicians, Governments and parliaments, that will help to defend and consolidate peace, to promote the cause of peaceful international collaboration based on respect for national independence and sovereignty, equal rights, non-interference in internal affairs and mutual advantage must be appreciated and given determined support, so that the legitimate aspirations of the peoples, of all who are aware of their responsibility for the fate of civilization, may be realized.

We call on scientists, and on their national and international associations, to establish suitable forms of co-operation transcending national, ideological or political differences, to the end that science may be used exclusively in accordance with its humanistic calling.

With this in mind, we have established an International Action Committee to organize scientific activities, to expose the dangers created by the frenzied arms race, particularly the nuclear arms race, to inform public opinion about these dangers and formulate concrete measures to avoid them, and to prepare for a world congress of scientists in the service of peace. We appeal to scientists and intellectuals throughout the world to join the Committee in this noble initiative for peace, to do all in their power to make our views known in the United Nations, in the Committee on Disarmament at Geneva and in all international forums where disarmament, peace and international security and co-operation are discussed.

Let us, in realization of our responsibility to science and to mankind and of the fact that we cannot create an acceptable future without a peaceful present, muster our strength of persuasion and the force of our arguments in order to induce the arms enthusiasts to change their approach, in order to influence Governments, parliaments and politicians to promote policies of peace, understanding

and collaboration and to abandon entirely the use or threat of force, ensuring that all disputes are settled solely by peaceful means, through negotiation.

Let us do all in our power to ensure that the funds spent on armaments, the enormous military budgets, are used for socio-economic development programmes in each country, for helping the peoples of the developing countries in their struggle for progress, and for creating a more just and better world free from the threat of war!

Let us dedicate ourselves to the noble ideals of peace: let us do our duty to our own consciences, to our contemporaries, to the supreme commandments of mankind! Let us show mankind a future commensurate to its most cherished aspirations and its creative abilities, let us prove worthy of all the most precious accomplishments of human civilization down through the centuries!

We are firmly convinced that, if we join forces and intensify our co-operation science will truly become a weapon for living, enabling all peoples to increase their contributions to the heritage of universal knowledge, so that peace, security and collaboration may triumph on earth!

The participants in the
International Symposium
"Scientists and Peace"

Bucharest, 5 September
