
APPEAL OF THE ROMANIAN PEOPLE TO THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY
AT ITS SPECIAL SESSION DEVOTED TO DISARMAMENT

For disarmament, for a Europe without nuclear weapons,
for a world of peace!

Concerned at the escalation of the arms race, which seriously endangers peace and the very existence of peoples, and at the growing threat to peace and security, we, the citizens and entire nation of the Socialist Republic of Romania, in these extremely grave international circumstances, solemnly appeal to the United Nations General Assembly, meeting in special session devoted to disarmament, to adopt concrete measures designed to initiate disarmament, and in the first place nuclear disarmament, and the reduction of military expenditures, so that the vast material and human resources released by halting and curtailing the arms race may be devoted to human progress and well-being and to the eradication of economic underdevelopment.

Like other European peoples, the Romanian people resolutely calls for an end to the deployment and development of new medium-range nuclear missiles, the withdrawal and destruction of the missiles in place and the total elimination of nuclear weapons from the continent.

The whole of mankind is at present confronted with a choice: the path of war or that of peace. Nothing could justify the pursuit of a policy of armaments and war.

The United Nations and the leaders of all States and Governments, whose representatives have assembled at the United Nations for the special session, bear a heavy responsibility to their peoples and to the future of human civilization for the release of mankind from the burden of armaments and the terrifying spectre of a nuclear war, for halting the race towards disaster and for safeguarding and consolidating peace.

In the name of human existence and the future of mankind, we appeal to the United Nations, all States and all peoples to overcome every hesitation and obstacle and to decide to halt the arms race and initiate disarmament, and in the first place, nuclear disarmament.

Let us start to disarm before the first nuclear bombs are dropped. Once the dropping of bombs begins, it will be too late.

The Romanian people, like all other peoples of the world, urges that prompt action be taken now, before it is too late, in order to safeguard the basic human right: the right to peace, life and freedom.

We resolutely demand that the voice of the peoples be heard and that their will to live in peace be respected.

