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Letter dated 16 February 1979 from the Permanent Representatives of France, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to refer to the letters dated 5 June 1978 from the Permanent Representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (A/33/127), 8 June 1978 from the Permanent Representative of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic (A/33/132) and 8 June 1978 from the Permanent Representative of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic (A/33/133) concerning the preliminary list of representatives to the fourth session of the United Nations Commission on Transnational Corporations.

The Governments of France, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America do not accept the allegations contained in the letters referred to above.

Our Governments reaffirm the statements made in our letter of 23 March 1976 addressed to the Secretary-General (A/31/67) as to the legality of the location in the Western Sectors of Berlin of the Federal Office for the Supervision of Cartels and Trusts and of the designation of a member of that office as a member of the delegation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Commission on Transnational Corporations.

Regarding the letters from the Permanent Representatives of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, our Governments reaffirm the position that those who are not parties to the Quadripartite Agreement are not competent to comment on its provisions. The three Governments do not consider it necessary nor do they intend to respond to any further communications on the subject from those who are not parties to the Quadripartite Agreement. This should not be taken to imply any change in the position of the three Governments in this matter.

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We have the honour to request that the contents of this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 12 of the preliminary list.

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