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UKRAINIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC

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1. The public meeting held in the city of Kiev, capital of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, on 25 October was devoted to United Nations Day and the beginning of Disarmament Week. Mr. Y. S. Zubenko, Secretary of the Ukrainian Council of Trade Unions, Mr. G. I. Udovenko, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Ukrainian SSR, and others who spoke noted the great significance of the activities of the United Nations as an instrument for the maintenance of international peace and security and for the development of co-operation among States in accordance with the requirements of its Charter.
2. The consistent course pursued by the Soviet Union in implementing the Peace Programme for the 1980s put forward by the Twenty-Sixth Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union is aimed at strengthening peace, curbing the arms race and preserving and consolidating détente. Public opinion in the Ukrainian SSR fully supports the new proposals of the USSR put forward at the thirty-seventh session of the General Assembly, first and foremost the proposal concerning the complete and general prohibition of nuclear-weapon tests.
3. The participants in the meeting adopted a letter to be sent to the Secretary-General of the United Nations stressing the need to mobilize the efforts of the countries belonging to the Organization in the struggle to bring about the cessation of the arms race, the elimination of hotbeds of tension and international conflicts and the removal of the threat of nuclear catastrophe.
4. The celebration of United Nations Day and the opening of Disarmament Week were widely publicized by the mass information media in the Ukrainian SSR. In the relevant publications and commentaries great attention was given to the activities of the United Nations, in particular its main purpose, namely, the strengthening of international peace and security, to the work of the current thirty-seventh session of the General Assembly and to the participation in its meetings of the delegation of the Ukrainian SSR.
5. The observance in the Ukrainian SSR of United Nations Day enabled the people of the Republic to become better acquainted with the history of the founding of the United Nations, its purposes and principles and its part in the solution of the most important problems of our time. It demonstrated once again the will of the Ukrainian people to live in peace and friendship with the peoples of the world and their contribution to the efforts of people everywhere to eliminate the threat of nuclear war and to curb the arms race.

ANNEX

Letter dated 25 October 1982 from the Community of the city of Kiev adopted at the meeting devoted to United Nations Day and Disarmament Week addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations

1. We, the representatives of the community of the city of Kiev, capital of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, having met in connection with United Nations Day and the start of Disarmament Week, note that in the course of its activities the United Nations has made a definite contribution to the cause of ensuring international security and mutual understanding among peoples.
2. The universality of the United Nations makes it possible to bring about broad international co-operation in the political, economic, social and humanitarian fields on the basis of the realization of the principle of the peaceful co-existence of States with different social systems.
3. The preservation of peace and the cessation of the arms race are an essential requirement for this activity. Therefore, the main task of the United Nations today is to mobilize the efforts of States to combat the threat of war. We call upon the United Nations to use its authority and political potential to avert a nuclear conflagration and preserve and develop détente, which represents an historic achievement of the peoples.
4. Never before has the need to put an end to the arms race and undertake genuine measures to bring about disarmament confronted mankind so compellingly. We call upon the United Nations actively to promote the achievement of practical results in this direction.
5. We are convinced that in spite of the serious aggravation of the international situation brought about by the aggressive course pursued by the imperialist forces there are real possibilities for putting an end to the criminal arms race and defusing tension in the world. The effectiveness and prestige of the United Nations depend to a great extent on how much effective support it can give to the struggle of peace-loving peoples against the threat of a nuclear catastrophe.
6. Preserving peace, ensuring the peaceful co-existence of States and settling all controversies by peaceful means are the key tasks of the Peace Programme for the 1980s put forward at the twenty-sixth Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. These tasks define the general direction of the foreign policy initiatives of the Soviet Union, which is in accordance with the peace-loving aspirations of all peoples and with the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter.
7. The Ukrainian people, like all peoples of the multinational Soviet Union, the sixtieth anniversary of whose formation will be celebrated at the end of this year, fully support the measures proposed by the Soviet Union during the current thirty-seventh session of the General Assembly and designed to bring about the immediate cessation and prohibition of nuclear weapon tests, eliminate the threat of nuclear war and ensure the safe development of nuclear energy. The undertaking

by the Soviet Union on a unilateral basis of the obligation not to be the first to use nuclear weapons is indeed of historical significance. All nuclear Powers should follow the example of the Soviet Government by undertaking similar obligations.

8. We consider that the United Nations can and must make a significant contribution to the struggle to avert nuclear war and bring about arms limitation and disarmament. United Nations decisions in this regard would be an additional factor having a positive effect on the international situation.

9. We call upon the United Nations to exert every effort to achieve the practical implementation of the lofty purposes and principles of its Charter, which in the present circumstances too fully retain their validity.

10. We are firmly convinced that the observance of United Nations Day and Disarmament Week will promote the further mobilization of the efforts of the peace-loving forces of the planet in the struggle to curb the arms race, eliminate the threat of a nuclear conflict and strengthen peace and international security.
