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Letter dated 20 July 1988 from the Permanent Representative
of Mongolia to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a statement made on 19 July 1988 by a spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Mongolian People's Republic concerning the results of the meeting of the Political Consultative Committee of the States Parties to the Warsaw Treaty, held in Warsaw on 15 and 16 July 1988.

I should be grateful if this letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under items 72 and 137 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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Statement by the spokesman for the Mongolian Ministry
of Foreign Affairs

There is high regard in the Mongolian People's Republic for the results of the meeting of the Political Consultative Committee of the States Parties to the Warsaw Treaty, held in Warsaw on 15 and 16 July. It was a major international event and has contributed to the improvement of the situation in Europe and throughout the world.

The peace-loving policies of the States parties to the Warsaw Treaty and their initiatives and proposals aimed at promoting progress towards a nuclear-free and non-violent world demonstrate that the countries of the socialist community have a keen sense of responsibility for the destiny of mankind. This was again demonstrated at the Warsaw meeting of the leaders of the fraternal socialist countries. The participants in the meeting reaffirmed the topical importance of their far-reaching and constructive initiatives and proposals regarding the phasing-out of nuclear weapons, the general and complete prohibition of nuclear-weapon testing, the elimination of chemical weapons and other weapons of mass destruction, the radical reduction of armed forces and conventional weapons in Europe, and the solution of other pressing problems of security and disarmament. They also confirmed their commitment to pursue vigorously their joint efforts to give tangible expression to those initiatives and proposals.

The task of making the current process of disarmament a continuous and irreversible process and of building on the constructive trends in international relations is today of exceptional significance. This has a bearing primarily on Europe, where the process of developing East-West co-operation and the search for ways and means of strengthening peace and security on the continent have gained the greatest momentum, and where at the same time there are continuing efforts to halt the process throughout Europe. Against that background, the States parties to the Warsaw Treaty are taking a flexible and constructive position and putting forward concrete proposals on the key questions relating to security in Europe, in particular the reduction of armed forces and conventional weapons in Europe.

The initiatives proposed in July by Comrade M. S. Gorbachev in his statement in the Polish Sejm are bound to give fresh impetus to the cause of disarmament and security in Europe.

There is global significance in the proposal by the States parties to the Warsaw Treaty regarding the development of the concept of international environmental security and regarding efforts by all States to produce an appropriate document of international law on this subject. This concrete proposal affects the interests of all countries, without exception, and is related in the most direct manner to the campaign for disarmament and security.

The Mongolian Government welcomes and fully supports the position of the States parties to the Warsaw Treaty regarding the fundamental issues of today, and completely endorses the analyses and conclusions contained in the documents of the meeting of the Political Consultative Committee. In common with the other peace-loving countries, the Mongolian People's Republic believes that the new opportunities created by the proposals and initiatives of the States parties to the Warsaw Treaty must not be missed.

The Mongolian People's Republic announces that in accordance with the purposes and principles of its foreign policy, it will continue to promote the constructive efforts of the fraternal socialist countries to avert the threat of nuclear war, achieve a breakthrough in disarmament and improve the political climate not only in Europe, but also in other parts of our planet.

Ulan Bator, 19 July 1988
