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### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY

Letter dated 25 July 1988 from the representatives of Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic and Poland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of the Polish People's Republic and the Chargés d'affaires a.i. of the People's Republic of Bulgaria, the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic and the German Democratic Republic to the United Nations have the honour to bring to your attention the following:

In their joint letter of 9 June 1988 the Permanent Representatives of the four above-mentioned countries informed you about the restrictive travel procedures imposed on the personnel of the Permanent Missions of their countries by the note of the United States Mission to the United Nations of 18 May 1988. They underlined that in addition to the unlawful travel restrictions introduced by the note of the United States Mission of 13 December 1985 this was yet another step by the host country directed against the independent exercise of the functions of these Permanent Missions and designated to escalate the discriminatory approach toward certain States.

During the meeting of the Host Country Committee held on 24 June 1988 the Permanent Representative of the four countries raised this problem, stressing in particular that the unilateral decision of the United States was an unprovoked, arbitrary and entirely unjustified act, violating the obligations of the host country under international law, and requested its prompt revocation. This appeal has not met a positive answer from the host country.

On the contrary, by its note of 11 July 1988 the United States Mission to the United Nations informed the Permanent Missions of the four countries that, inter alia, the travel notification according to its note of 18 May 1988 must now include also the routes of travel and overnight addresses, and that, although the Permanent Representatives of the four countries and accompanying members of their family were exempt from prior written travel notification,

they would now be required to use the Foreign Missions Service Bureau for booking public transportations and accommodation.

The Permanent Representative and Chargés d'affaires a.i. of the four countries regard it as necessary to inform you about these new facts and to reaffirm the legal position on this matter expressed already in the joint letters of the Permanent Representatives of the four countries of 6 January 1986 and 9 June 1988. They call once more for your active assistance and for your intervention with the relevant United States authorities for the prompt revocation of the recent, as well as the previous above-mentioned unlawful and discriminatory measures. They also request you kindly to arrange for distribution of this letter as a document of the forty-second session of the General Assembly under agenda item 136.

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