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LETTER DATED 30 JULY 1975 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF GREECE  
AND ROMANIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On the instructions of our respective Governments, we have the honour to bring to your attention the Solemn Joint Declaration of the Socialist Republic of Romania and the Hellenic Republic signed at Bucharest on 27 May 1975, on the occasion of the visit to Romania of the Prime Minister of Greece, H.E. Constantin Karamanlis.

We should be grateful if you would have this letter and the said Declaration distributed as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ion DATCU  
Ambassador, Permanent Representative  
of the Socialist Republic of Romania  
to the United Nations

(Signed) George PAPOULIAS  
Ambassador, Permanent Representative  
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to the United Nations

ANNEX

SOLEMN JOINT DECLARATION

of the Socialist Republic of Romania and the Hellenic Republic

The Socialist Republic of Romania and the Hellenic Republic,

Taking into consideration the neighbourly and co-operative relations, based on mutual esteem and traditional friendship, existing between the two countries and peoples, which have long been linked in the common struggle for freedom and the affirmation of their national identity,

Desiring to develop, at many levels, relations of co-operation between the two States on the basis of justice and respect for the principles and rules of international law,

Reaffirming their adherence to the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter and their determination to help to strengthen the role of the United Nations,

Aware of the responsibility of all States - large, medium and small, and regardless of their level of development or political, economic and social system - for the establishment of climate of peace and security throughout the world,

Expressing their conviction that international peace is based on respect for the sacred right of every State to full sovereignty, to national independence and to security,

Stressing that nuclear and general disarmament is necessary to ensure international peace and security,

Reaffirming their willingness to work, in the future as now, for the transformation of the Balkans into a region of peace, co-operation and neighbourliness,

Conscious of the need to make greater efforts, at the national and international levels, to bring about the more rapid progress of the developing countries and to reduce the disparity between them and the developed countries,

Emphasizing the sovereign right of every State freely to control its natural resources in its own interests, and to have free access to sources of raw materials and energy and to the achievements of contemporary science and technology on equitable conditions and on the basis of equality,

Asserting the need for the establishment of a new international economic order,

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Declare their common determination to base relations between them, and those with other States, on the rules of international law and on the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter, and specifically on the following principles:

1. The equality of rights of peoples and their right to govern themselves.
2. The sacred right of every State to existence, political and economic independence, freedom and national sovereignty.
3. The sacred right of every State to inviolable frontiers and territorial integrity: in no case may the use of force legitimize the acquisition of territories belonging to another State or create legally valid de facto situations.
4. The absolute equality before the law of all States, whatever their size, level of development or political, economic and social system.
5. The obligation of States not to interfere in the internal affairs of another State, to abstain from the use or threat of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any other State and to refrain from resorting to any kind of military, political, economic or other pressure.
6. The sovereign right of every State to use its natural wealth and its other resources in accordance with its national interests, without outside interference, for the purposes of its independent economic and social development.
7. The inalienable right of every State to participate, in conditions of absolute equality, in considering and solving all international problems of common interest.
8. The right of every State to participate in international co-operation in the economic, technical, scientific, cultural and other spheres on the basis of mutual advantage and to have free access to the achievements of science and modern technology in order to accelerate its economic and social development.
9. Respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.
10. The obligation of all States to settle their disputes by peaceful means.
11. The inherent right of every State to individual or collective self-defence, in accordance with Article 51 of the United Nations Charter.
12. The duty of every State to fulfil scrupulously and in good faith obligations assumed by virtue of the United Nations Charter or deriving from the generally recognized principles and rules of international law or from valid international agreements, in conformity with the principles and rules of international law.

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The fundamental principles set forth above are interconnected and each principle is to be interpreted in the context of the others.

## II

Declare their common determination:

To develop mutually advantageous relations of friendship and co-operation in all spheres;

To extend and diversify economic and technical co-operation in all spheres of mutual interest;

To expand and intensify mutually advantageous co-operation in science, culture, the arts, sport and tourism with a view to improving knowledge of the material and spiritual values of the Romanian and Greek peoples, in conformity with the spirit of comprehension and traditional friendship prevailing between the two peoples;

To intensify co-operation in the sphere of foreign policy by encouraging exchanges of views and consultations concerning the development of bilateral relations and international problems of common interest.

## III

Declare their common determination

To develop relations of friendship and co-operation with all States, on the basis of the principles set forth above;

To co-operate between themselves and with other States in maintaining and strengthening peace and building security in the Balkans, in Europe and throughout the world, in strengthening the role of the United Nations, in observing and implementing the principles of international law and in promoting the economic and social progress of all peoples;

To contribute to the attainment of the purposes of the Conference on European Security and Co-operation on the basis of the principles set forth above;

To work for the development of neighbourly relations among the Balkan States and for the transformation of the Balkans into a region of peace, friendship and co-operation;

To contribute to the adoption of measures to end the arms race and to achieve nuclear and general disarmament, with a view to strengthening international peace and security;

To work for the development of international trade and economic co-operation among States and for the establishment of a new international economic order which will serve the interests of all States;

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To co-operate with States which have recently acceded to independence with a view to promoting common progress and prosperity.

IV

Appeal to all States to declare their support for the principles set forth in this Solemn Declaration.

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With a view to implementing the provisions of this Declaration, the Socialist Republic of Romania and the Hellenic Republic declare their common determination to extend and intensify their consultations at all levels, through diplomatic channels, through exchanges of visits and through periodic meetings of their representatives.

Done at Bucharest on 27 May 1975, in two originals, each in the Romanian and Greek languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Socialist Republic of Romania

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Republic of Romania

George Macovescu  
Minister for Foreign Affairs

For the Hellenic Republic

Constantin Karamanlis  
Prime Minister of the  
Hellenic Republic

Dimitri S. Bitsios  
Minister for Foreign Affairs

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