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Letter dated 20 May 1975 from the representatives of Bulgaria,
Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary,
Poland, Romania and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the appeal to parliaments of Europe, entitled "For peace, security, co-operation and closer relations among nations of Europe", made at the solemn meeting of the representatives of parliaments of States members of the Warsaw Treaty, held in Warsaw, on 14 and 15 May 1975, on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the establishment of the Warsaw Treaty Organization.

We would be grateful if you would have the text of this appeal circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 51 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

For peace, security, co-operation and closer relations
among nations of Europe

We parliamentarians - people's representatives of the National Assembly of the People's Republic of Bulgaria, deputies of the National Assembly of the Hungarian People's Republic, members of the People's Chamber of the German Democratic Republic, deputies of the Sejm of the Polish People's Republic, deputies of the Grand National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Romania, deputies of the Supreme Soviet of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, deputies of the Federal Assembly of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic - having gathered in Warsaw for a solemn meeting on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the Warsaw Treaty, express the will of our peoples to strengthen peace and security in Europe and throughout the world.

On the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the historic triumph of the peoples over fascism, in whose rout a decisive contribution was made by the Soviet Union, and of the end of the most blood-thirsty and cruel war in the history of mankind, we, faithful to the ideals that inspired the peoples in the struggle against the German fascist aggressors, appeal to the parliaments of all European countries to intensify their efforts to maintain and consolidate the peace that was won at such great human cost.

Twenty years ago in Warsaw our States concluded the Treaty of Friendship, Co-operation and Mutual Assistance, forming a political and defensive alliance against imperialist aggression in Europe. At the same time those who initiated the Treaty declared their desire to create a system of collective security in Europe based on the participation of all European States, irrespective of their social and political structure, whereby the said States might be enabled to combine their efforts in the interests of ensuring peace in Europe.

The history of the last 20 years has shown that our States have been true to the provisions of the Warsaw Treaty and that they have continued to struggle energetically to achieve an objective of historical significance - the creation of a system of relationships and obligations that would effectively defend peace and security in Europe, make a decisive contribution to ending the "cold war", reduce international tension, strengthen the political and territorial arrangements that emerged as a result of the Second World War and post-war development, and strengthen the principles of peaceful coexistence in relations between States irrespective of differences in their social systems.

We express our satisfaction that international détente has now become the dominant trend determining the development of the situation in the continent of Europe and in the world as a whole. Parliamentarians, constantly consolidating their comprehensive contacts and co-operating closely within the framework of the

Inter-Parliamentary Union, are making a significant contribution to furthering this important process.

Convincing evidence of the positive changes that are taking place is provided by the convening and successful conduct of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, which should make it possible to conclude it in the near future at a high level. The success of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe should create the necessary pre-conditions for basing bilateral and multilateral relations between States firmly on such universally recognized norms of international law as respect for independence and sovereignty, territorial integrity and inviolability of frontiers, renunciation of the use or threat of force and non-interference in internal affairs. The normalization of political relations will permit constant expansion of mutually advantageous economic co-operation on a basis of equality and, consequently, non-discrimination, and also the development of scientific, technological and cultural co-operation between countries in our continent. The strengthening of durable peaceful relationships is opening the way to improved mutual understanding between the peoples of Europe.

An important contribution to furthering the process of security and co-operation in Europe should be made by military détente and the reduction in military confrontation between States parties to NATO and the Warsaw Treaty. Accordingly, we are in favour of progress in talks on the limitation of armed forces and arms in central Europe, in accordance with the principle of not prejudicing the security of any one party to the talks, and taking account of the security of all States in Europe. We continue to support the withdrawal of foreign troops from the territory of European States, the elimination of foreign military bases, the creation of nuclear-free zones and other measures intended to reduce arms and armed forces in Europe.

We reaffirm the willingness of our countries to dissolve the Warsaw Treaty Organization simultaneously with the dissolution of NATO, and as a first step to eliminate the military organizations of the two alliances.

Our continent, in which the two world wars originated that took the lives of tens of millions of people, now has a real opportunity to become a zone of lasting peace and fruitful international co-operation and an important factor for the security of the whole world.

We are, however, aware that international détente and co-operation do not develop automatically, and we note with concern that the forces of the "cold war" are striving to slow down the process of détente and to reverse it. Correctly understood, the interests of all peoples require the strengthening of activities to further and consolidate the trend towards détente and security in Europe.

We parliamentarians participating in this meeting welcome the appeal by the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Government of the Soviet Union addressed to the peoples, parliaments and Governments, calling for active support for a firm and lasting peace.

Acknowledging the responsibility vested in parliaments, we call for the development of co-operation between the parliaments of the European States, including the possibility of convening a conference of representatives of all European parliaments to discuss the vital problems of the peaceful development of our continent.

We make a friendly appeal to parliamentarians of the European countries to concentrate their efforts on the most urgent and most important problems on whose solution the further development of Europe and the world depends to a great extent:

- We call for concerted action to strengthen mutual trust, affirm the principles of peaceful coexistence, and make the process of détente lasting and irreversible;
- We call for concerted action to accelerate the successful conclusion of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe;
- We call for concerted action to limit and halt the arms race, and to hold constructive and effective talks on disarmament;
- We call for concerted action to use peaceful means of settling international disputes and conflicts everywhere;
- We call for concerted action to develop in every possible way economic, scientific, cultural and other links intended to bring the European peoples closer together;
- We call for concerted action to make Europe a continent of firm peace, friendship and mutually advantageous international co-operation.

Warsaw, 15 May 1975
