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TELEGRAM DATED 22 SEPTEMBER 1948 FROM THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA TO THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL REGARDING BULGARIA'S REQUEST
FOR ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP
OF THE UNITED NATIONS

BY LETTER DATED 26 JULY 1948 I SUBMITTED REQUEST OF PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA FOR ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP OF UN AND STATED IN THIS CONNECTION THAT BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT ACCEPTED FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN UN CHARTER AS WELL AS ALL OBLIGATIONS ARISING FROM PARTICIPATION IN UN. I CONSIDERED IT APPROPRIATE TO EMPHASIZE IN THAT LETTER, WHICH PRECEDED COMING INTO EFFECT OF PEACE TREATY WITH BULGARIA, THE PART PLAYED BY BULGARIAN PEOPLE IN WAR OF LIBERATION AGAINST FASCISM AND THE GREAT LOSS OF LIVES AND PROPERTY WHICH ACCOMPANIED BOTH RESISTANCE MOVEMENT WITHIN BULGARIA AND BULGARIA'S PARTICIPATION IN WAR AGAINST GERMANY. I ALSO POINTED OUT PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT OF OUR COUNTRY.

I HEREBY RENEW BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST FOR ADMISSION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA TO MEMBERSHIP OF UN.

THE DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS CREATED ON 9 SEPTEMBER 1944 HAVE BEEN STABILIZED BY VOTING OF CONSTITUTION OF PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA WHICH GUARANTEES TO FULLEST EXTENT RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES OF BULGARIAN CITIZENS WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF RACE, NATIONALITY OR RELIGION. SINCE TRIUMPH OF NEW DEMOCRATIC ORDER IN BULGARIA, BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT HAS RESOLUTELY AND CONSISTENTLY CARRIED ON POLICY OF PEACE AND COLLABORATION WITH ALL NATIONS, GIVING PRIORITY IN FIELD OF NATIONAL AND STATE ACTIVITY TO PROBLEMS RELATING TO ECONOMIC RECONSTRUCTION AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT.

CONCURRENTLY BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT HAS CONSCIENTIOUSLY CARRIED OUT AND CONTINUES TO CARRY OUT MANY ONEROUS OBLIGATIONS OF MILITARY, ECONOMIC AND OTHER NATURE IMPOSED UPON BULGARIA BY PEACE TREATY. WHEREAS WAR FEVER RAGES AND INTENSIVE ARMING IS SEEN SOUTH OF BULGARIAN BORDER, BULGARIA HAS REDUCED HER MILITARY STRENGTH TO LIMIT LAID DOWN BY PEACE TREATY.

DURING YEAR WHICH HAS PASSED SINCE COMING INTO FORCE OF PEACE TREATY, BULGARIA HAS CONCLUDED WITH SEVERAL COUNTRIES TREATIES OF FRIENDSHIP, COLLABORATION AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE WHICH ARE BASED ON FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF UN AND IN VIRTUE OF WHICH BULGARIA HAS UNDERTAKEN TO OBSERVE STATUTES OF THAT ORGANISATION. BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO DECLARED

READINESS TO CONCLUDE SIMILAR TREATIES OF FRIENDSHIP WITH OTHER COUNTRIES TOO. IT HAS ALWAYS GIVEN PROOF OF WILLINGNESS TO CO-OPERATE WITH UN, AND HAS MORE THAN ONCE ASSUMED UNDERTAKINGS IN CONNECTION WITH ITS ACTIVITIES.

BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT, HAVING ALWAYS RESPECTED LIBERTY OF OTHER NATIONS AS WELL AS ITS OWN UNDERTAKINGS AND RULES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, HAD EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT BULGARIA WAS FULLY ENTITLED TO TAKE HER PLACE IN UNITED NATIONS AND THAT HER REQUEST WOULD BE RECEIVED WITH SYMPATHY AND FAVOURABLY CONSIDERED. HENCE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT IS UNABLE TO CONCEAL SURPRISE AT BEHAVIOUR OF CERTAIN ALLIED AND ASSOCIATED POWERS IN THIS CONNECTION, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF FACT THAT THEY HAVE ACCEPTED UNDERTAKING UNDER PEACE TREATY WITH BULGARIA - THE ONLY ONE THAT DEVOLVES UPON THEM UNDER THAT TREATY - TO SUPPORT BULGARIA'S APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP OF UN. THIS ABNORMAL SITUATION RENDERS DIFFICULT BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT'S RELATIONS WITH UN AND ITS ORGANS AND IS FAR FROM CONTRIBUTING TO REALISATION OF PEACEFUL AIMS * UN IN BALKANS.

IN CONNECTION WITH FOREGOING I HAVE HONOUR TO REQUEST YOU TO PROPOSE RE-CONSIDERATION OF BULGARIA'S REQUEST FOR ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP OF UN SO THAT THIS QUESTION MAY BE DEALT WITH DURING PRESENT SESSION OF UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

(signed) VASSIL KOLAROV, VICE-PRESIDENT COUNCIL MINISTERS
FOREIGN AFFAIRS PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

