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COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE WHOLE QUESTION OF PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS IN ALL THEIR ASPECTS

Letter dated 22 September 1988 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to inform you that the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations has been instructed by the Chinese Government to apply for the membership in the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations.

The United Nations peace-keeping operations constitute an effective means of maintaining international peace and security and have played a positive role in easing regional conflicts and facilitating peaceful settlement of disputes. The Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations has been set up to give comprehensive reviews of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects. The Chinese delegation believes that the Special Committee will make further progress with still more constructive and effective efforts in the days ahead. China wishes to take part in its work and, together with other member States of the Special Committee, to endeavour to further enhance the efficiency of the United Nations peace-keeping operations.

I therefore have the honour to request that you convey this application of the Government of the People's Republic of China to the Special Political Committee of the forty-third session of the General Assembly, so that it would be considered in due course under item 78 of the provisional agenda.

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I should be grateful if you could have this letter circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 78 of the provisional agenda.

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of the People's Republic of China
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