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Application of the German Democratic Republic for
admission to membership in the United Nations

Note by the Secretary-General

In accordance with rule 137 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and rule 59 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the Secretary-General has the honour to circulate herewith the application of the German Democratic Republic for admission to membership in the United Nations contained in a letter dated 12 June 1973 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the German Democratic Republic to the Secretary-General.

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Letter dated 12 June 1973 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of
the German Democratic Republic to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to send you, on behalf of the Council of Ministers of the German Democratic Republic, the application of the German Democratic Republic for admission to membership in the United Nations.

In taking this step, the Council of Ministers of the German Democratic Republic is guided by the conviction that the admission of the German Democratic Republic to the United Nations will contribute to strengthening European and international security and promoting world-wide international co-operation on the basis of the principle of sovereign equality of States.

It welcomes the fact that the Governments of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and France agreed in a joint declaration of 9 November 1972 to support the applications of the German Democratic Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany for membership in the United Nations.

The German Democratic Republic is aware of the fact that the United Nations emerged in the wake of the sacrificial struggle of the peoples of the anti-Hitler coalition against German fascism and its allies in the Second World War. The foremost aim, as proclaimed in its Charter, is to prevent new aggression and to save mankind from the scourge of war.

The German Democratic Republic is willing and, thanks to its internal development, also in a position to help attain these lofty aims. As a member of the United Nations, it will unreservedly stand up for fulfilling its mission of peace and of promoting the economic and social advancement of all peoples.

I request Your Excellency to submit the application of the German Democratic Republic for admission to membership in the United Nations and the present letter to the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Otto WINZER
Minister for Foreign Affairs of the
German Democratic Republic

Letter of 12 June 1973 from the Chairman of the Council of Ministers of
the German Democratic Republic to the Secretary-General

On behalf of the Council of Ministers of the German Democratic Republic,
I apply for the admission of the German Democratic Republic as a member of the
United Nations.

In accordance with rule 58 of the provisional rules of procedure of the
Security Council, I transmit to you also the Declaration required in connexion with
the admission.

(Signed) STOPH
Chairman of the Council of Ministers
of the German Democratic Republic

Declaration

On behalf of the Council of Ministers of the German Democratic Republic,
I solemnly declare that the German Democratic Republic is willing to accept and
conscientiously carry out the obligations contained in the Charter of the United
Nations.

(Signed) STOPH
Chairman of the Council of Ministers
of the German Democratic Republic

Berlin, 12 June 1973
