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OF AUSTRALIA ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit to you the text of a motion which was adopted by the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia on 22 August 1968. The motion was introduced by the Minister for External Affairs, the Rt. Hon. P.M.C. Hasluck, M.P., and was seconded by the Leader of the Opposition in the House of Representatives, Mr. E.G. Whitlam, Q.C., M.P., and adopted unanimously.

The text of the motion is as follows:

"That the House expresses its distress at, and its abhorrence of, the armed intervention in Czechoslovakia by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the East German régime, Poland, Hungary, and Bulgaria; and condemns this action as a breach of the United Nations Charter and of accepted international conduct; calls for the immediate withdrawal of the forces unlawfully on Czechoslovakian territory and expresses the sympathy of the House for the people of Czechoslovakia in their ordeal."

I would be grateful if the text of this motion could be circulated immediately as a document of the Security Council.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Kenneth ROGERS
Acting Permanent Representative