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LETTER DATED 11 MARCH 1966 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
HUNGARY ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to refer to the application of the German Democratic Republic for membership in the United Nations and upon instructions from the Government of the Hungarian People's Republic to state the following:

The Government of the Hungarian People's Republic considers that the application by the Council of State of the German Democratic Republic for membership in the United Nations is of paramount importance from the point of view of the interests of the Organization to attain universality, in maintaining international peace and security, and enhancing co-operation among nations. Being a sovereign and independent State the German Democratic Republic is a democratic, peace-loving State of the German people and fully qualifies for membership in the United Nations as specified in Article 4 of its Charter.

The German Democratic Republic demonstrated hitherto convincingly its readiness to solve the European problems including the unification of Germany by negotiations with the participation of both the German Democratic Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany. The initiatives taken by her Government to contribute to consolidate peace and to normalize the situation in Europe falls fully in line with the pertinent obligations of the United Nations, the same way as her official declarations and actions do with the activities of the Organization in their most important aspects as well.

Being situated in Central Europe the Hungarian people twice in a lifetime endured innumerable sufferings from the German expansionism and the two World Wars: consequently they are vitally interested in the peaceful development and negotiated solutions of international problems in that region. Those unsolved issues may threaten all Europe and the world at large with a series of new conflicts if they are not treated and properly dealt with by the community of nations. Coping with

the present realities in Europe and thereby admitting the German Democratic Republic to the Organization, the United Nations would take a most beneficial step in promoting European peace and lessening tension throughout the world.

Upon these considerations, the Government of the Hungarian People's Republic expresses its full support for the application of the Council of State of the German Democratic Republic for membership in the United Nations.

I should be grateful if you could arrange this letter for circulation to the members of the Security Council and all the Members of the United Nations as an official Security Council document.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Károly CSATORDAY
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of the
Hungarian People's Republic
to the United Nations
