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BYELORUSSIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC

[Original: Russian]

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1. Like other socialist countries, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic considers that today's principal task is to bring about a radical improvement in the world political climate and, above all, to avert nuclear war. The accomplishment of this task is now a matter of urgency.
2. The Byelorussian SSR is a consistent advocate of effective, practical action to preserve and strengthen peace on this planet and to contain and curtail the arms race. The United Nations, whose calling it is to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, cannot stand aside in the campaign for these objectives.
3. The General Assembly's decision, in its resolution 37/16, to proclaim the forthcoming International Year of Peace on 24 October 1985 may be of assistance in prompting efforts by States and peoples to avert nuclear war and strengthen peace and security. The fact that in 1985 the peoples of the world will be celebrating the fortieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War and the foundation of the United Nations should impart additional impetus to these efforts.
4. International and national public organizations will have an important part to play in the observance of the Year. The public organizations in the Byelorussian SSR intend to stage appropriate events during the International Year of Peace.

UKRAINIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC

[Original: Russian]

[25 November 1983]

1. The Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic believes that in the present unsettled circumstances, there is no issue than the preservation of peace more important or pressing upon which depends the fate of millions of people.
2. The struggle to achieve peace, to reduce the threat of war, to curb the arms race and to establish egalitarian inter-State co-operation remains the pivot of the foreign policy of the socialist States. The Ukrainian SSR systematically and persistently calls for relations among all States to be based on respect for independence and sovereignty, non-use or threat of use of force, peaceful settlement of disputes, non-interference in internal affairs, equality of rights and the other principles underlying inter-State relations, and seeks a radical improvement of the international climate, the building of confidence and the laying of sound foundations for international relations.

3. Numerous foreign policy initiatives of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and other socialist countries, including some within the United Nations, have been directed towards achieving these noble goals.

4. The main task of the United Nations is to safeguard international peace and security and, in our opinion, all Member States of that Organization should direct their efforts towards this goal. In this context, the General Assembly's decision to proclaim the International Year of Peace in 1985 could provide additional stimulus for mobilizing the efforts of peoples and States to eliminate the threat of nuclear war and to preserve and strengthen peace, especially as 1985 will mark the world-wide observance of the fortieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War and the creation of the United Nations.

5. The Ukrainian SSR believes that international and national public organizations can play an important role in the celebration of the International Year of Peace. Its own public organizations intend to take an active part in the preparation, organization and implementation of appropriate measures within the framework of the Year.
