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CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC TRANSMITTING A PEACE APPEAL BY THE
NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF DELEGATES OF THE POLISH UNITED WORKERS
PARTY, ADOPTED IN WARSAW ON 18 MARCH 1984

I have the honour to transmit to you enclosed the text of "Peace Appeal",
adopted by the National Conference of Delegates of the Polish United Workers' Party
on 18 March 1984.

I should be grateful if you would have the Declaration circulated as an official
document of the Conference on Disarmament.

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PEACE APPEAL BY THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF DELEGATES OF THE
POLISH UNITED WORKERS' PARTY, WARSAW, 18 MARCH 1984

Following nearly four decades of peace, the threat of global conflict is again looming over Europe and the world at large. The dangerous international tension and the threat to peace are due to the policy pursued by the aggressive forces of imperialism and aimed at altering the alignment of forces, to attain superiority over socialism, and to hamper progressive processes in the world.

What serves this goal is the unprecedented speeding up of the arms build-up and unlimited expansion of means of mass destruction forced by the United States Administration and NATO.

The introduction of new nuclear missiles into Western Europe, and opening up of new areas for arms competition reaching out into outer space, has ominous consequences and faces mankind with threats never before recorded in the history of the world.

Imperialism is seeking to materialize its aggressive goals by way of pressure and violence, interference in other countries internal affairs, economic restrictions, and even armed interventions. In such a climate, those forces are again coming to the fore in the West and particularly in the Federal Republic of Germany, which still seek to change the territorial and political map of Europe moulded as a result of the victory over German fascism, post-war development and universally acknowledged international accords.

In the face of the perilous challenge to peace in Europe and throughout the world, the countries of the Socialist Community true to their peace policy, have been doing everything to prevent annihilation of the foundations of peace and international security. It is to this end that numerous proposals are advanced to limit armaments, promote progress in the field of disarmament, build an atmosphere of confidence in international relations, including the proposal to negotiate a treaty between the Parties to the Warsaw Treaty and the maintenance of peaceful relations, as well as the one on freezing and gradually reducing military budgets.

Reduction of military spendings would allow for assigning huge means to resolving swollen socio-economic problems facing the contemporary world.

Efforts made by the Socialist Community and world forces of peace and by political circles guided by prudence and realism, allow to cherish hope that the dangerous course of developments can be averted and that peace can be preserved both for the present and future generations.

What strengthens this hope are the achievements recorded in the past decade, the attainments of dialogue and detente, uninterrupted continuation of this process, and the commencement of the Stockholm Conference on Confidence and Security Building Measures and Disarmament in Europe. The hope in question is further enforced by the growing awareness of the hazards and the development and activeness of social movements against the arms build-up and war all over the world.

In tune with the basic interest of the Polish people and with the traditional line of the consistently pursued Polish foreign policy, the socialist Poland will spare no efforts to continue making a constructive contribution to consolidation of the structures of peace order in Europe, strengthening of world security and developing broad international co-operation based on equal rights.

The Polish United Workers' Party lends its full support to the Leninist policy of peace pursued by the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. Unshakeable bonds of alliance, friendship and co-operation between Poland and the Soviet Union will serve the most vital interests of our nations and States, and the cause of peace and security in Europe.

While confirming fidelity to the line of the IXth PUWP congress, the National PUWP Delegates' Conference consistently puts the struggle for peace and for strengthening our defensive alliances and Poland's international position at the top of tasks in the sphere of foreign policy.

The struggle for peace and for the peaceful future of our children is one of the supreme causes which unite all Poles. As a nation, which in the twentieth century has already once faced total annihilation, we have a special right and duty to demand a halt on the arms race, to demand non-undermining of the foundations of security and peace in Europe and in the world at large, and putting an end to the dangerous game which threatens the world with a nuclear disaster.

We call on all people of good will all over the world to co-operate in the defence of peace. The fight for a lasting peace, for the future of mankind free from the nuclear nightmare should become the cause uniting all nations and States.