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Letter dated 6 May 1977 from the Permanent Representative of the
German Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed to
the Secretary-General

As can be seen from the provisional list of participants in the third session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations, a representative of the Federal Office for the Supervision of Cartels and Trusts illegally headquartered in West Berlin has been named as a member of the delegation of the Federal Republic of Germany.

The Permanent Mission of the German Democratic Republic to the United Nations repeatedly has had to draw attention to the fact that the existence of the Federal Office for the Supervision of Cartels and Trusts in West Berlin is illegal and in contradiction to the Quadripartite Agreement of 3 September 1971.

The Federal Republic of Germany attempts in this way illegally to exercise jurisdiction in and over West Berlin. This is a new attempt by the competent authorities of the Federal Republic of Germany to misuse the authority of United Nations organs for actions directed against the Quadripartite Agreement of 3 September 1971, according to which Berlin (West) is not a constituent part of the Federal Republic of Germany and cannot be governed by it.

The Permanent Mission of the German Democratic Republic, in this connexion, confirms its position as expressed in its letter of 20 March 1975 (A/10059), note verbale of 8 March 1976 (A/31/60) and letter of 13 January 1977 (A/32/54 and Corr.1). For these reasons the credentials of Dr. Kurt Stockmann, staff member of the Federal Office for the Supervision of Cartels and Trusts, as a member of the delegation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the third session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations cannot be recognized.

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The Permanent Mission of the German Democratic Republic would be very grateful for having this letter circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 12 of the preliminary list.

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