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Letter dated 9 February 1976 from the Permanent Representative of
Poland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon the instructions of my Government I have the honour to bring to the attention of Your Excellency and States Members of the United Nations the enclosed text of the resolution of the Seventh Congress of the Polish United Workers' Party (PUWP), held in Warsaw from 8 to 12 December 1975, entitled "For the further development of the forces of socialism and consolidation of peace, for the further strengthening of the international standing of the Polish People's Republic".

I shall be grateful if you would have this letter and the text of the resolution circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under the item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security".

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ANNEX

For the further development of the forces of socialism and consolidation of peace, for the further strengthening of the international standing of the Polish People's Republic

Resolution of the 7th Congress of the PUWP

The 7th Congress of the Polish United Workers' Party states with satisfaction that the consistent and successful implementation of the resolutions adopted by the 6th Congress, while resulting in the dynamic socio-economic growth of the country, has also helped to enhance Poland's contribution to consolidating the unity and the international standing of the socialist community, to the cause of peace and socialism. The past five years have witnessed significant progress in the implementation of the basic tenets of socialist Poland's foreign policy and a novel approach to the task of expanding international relations that benefit her dynamic growth.

The 7th Congress notes with profound satisfaction that in this period the sweeping and all-embracing development of fraternal relations between the Polish People's Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics has been continued. The loyal friendship, the firm alliance and close co-operation with the Soviet Union, born of the ideological solidarity of Polish and Soviet Communists, of the comradeship-in-arms during the struggle for freedom and in joint activities for the consolidation of peaceful relations in Europe and the world, are of fundamental importance for our nation, its independence, security and successful development. In collaboration with the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, the Polish United Workers' Party will continue to strengthen in every way the fraternal bonds between Poland and the USSR, to deepen the friendship between the two nations and to carry on the common struggle for the victory of the ideas of socialism and peace.

The past five years have also seen the further beneficial development of Poland's friendly relations with the other socialist countries: the German Democratic Republic, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania, Yugoslavia, Mongolia, Cuba, the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. These relations involve all spheres of life and produce substantial mutual benefits. The Polish United Workers' Party will continue to strive to develop and enrich the forms of this co-operation and raise it to an ever-higher level in accordance with the growing material and spiritual needs of our nations.

Together with the CPSU and the other fraternal parties of the socialist countries, our party will continue to work for a further consolidation of the socialist community. Of particular importance in this respect is the further all-round reinforcement of the Warsaw Treaty - a political and defensive alliance of the States whose aggregate potential, cohesion and co-ordinated policies on the international scene constitute the basic guarantee of the security of all its members and of peace in Europe. The Polish People's Republic will continue to co-operate with the other countries of the CMEA in consolidating and diversifying

the process of socialist economic integration to speed up the dynamic, socio-economic development of the entire community, of each and every member country. The unity and friendship among the community's nations are strengthened also through increasingly richer cultural exchange and expanding social contacts through tourism and the like.

The revolutionary transformation of Poland after the Second World War under the leadership of a Marxist-Leninist party, has won our nation a firm place among those States and peoples of the world that are struggling for a social order based on the sublime ideas of progress and justice.

In close co-operation with all the fraternal parties the Polish United Workers' Party will contribute actively to the all-round development of international relations of a new type, those that arise from the great ideas of Lenin, from proletarian internationalism and from socialism. Socialism, its ideology and practice, is the only force in the world able to forge the bonds of peace and friendly co-operation among nations, to imbue them with humanism and pave the way for the joint and successful solution to problems facing all mankind.

The years since the PUWP 6th Congress have seen profound changes in the international situation. Those years abounded in crucial developments which seriously affected international relations.

A major transition has been noted from the policy of tension and confrontation to détente and peaceful coexistence. International co-operation has gained momentum and agreements concluded by States with differing social systems have expanded in scope; such agreements help to consolidate security in Europe and in the world. A firmer foundation has thus been laid for peaceful coexistence.

Of crucial importance for these changes was the dynamic development of the socialist community, and especially of its leading force - the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. This process has been accompanied by active foreign policy serving the implementation of the Peace Programme conceived by the CPSU and indefatigably promoted by its principal advocate, General Secretary Comrade Brezhnev. The socialist States can to a greater extent now influence the direction and pace of changes in European and world relations. A further shift has occurred in the alignment of international forces in favour of peace, democracy, progress and socialism.

On the international scene, of basic importance was the fact that relations between the Soviet Union and the United States of America were based on the principles of peaceful coexistence. A number of agreements were signed along these lines, including one on the prevention of nuclear wars, which is of historic significance. The necessary conditions for a successful development of the situation in Europe have been provided by the coming into force of the treaties on the bases for the normalization of relations between the socialist countries and the Federal Republic of Germany.

By formulating its resolutions on the principles of peaceful coexistence of States with differing systems, the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe strengthened the conditions for the maintenance of security and development of co-operation on this continent. These coincide with the vital interests of Poland. Of great importance is the unequivocal confirmation of the inviolability of frontiers and of the respect for the territorial integrity of all States. This is tantamount to a renunciation of territorial claims which in the past had been the source of conflicts and wars. The Final Act signed in Helsinki by the leaders of 33 countries of Europe, the United States of America and Canada is not only the Magna Carta of Peace but also a programme of action towards European security, all-round co-operation and making détente irreversible.

We welcome with joy the victory of the Viet-Nameese nation and of the Cambodian and Laotian nations. It has removed one of the main sources of tension in international relations.

We support the strivings of the Korean People's Democratic Republic for a peaceful unification of the country. The process of decolonization is nearly over, although imperialist forces have not abandoned their schemes to interfere with and retard the progressive development of newly liberated countries. The importance of developing and non-aligned countries has grown and their aspirations for political sovereignty and economic emancipation have become stronger. The socialist countries are their principled and reliable ally.

The consistent peace policy pursued by the socialist community serves to strengthen progressive and realistic tendencies in international relations and limits the capacity for action by imperialist and anti-détente forces which have in recent years been zealously supported by the Chinese Maoist leadership.

The Congress states with satisfaction that Poland's activities on the international scene conducted in the spirit of the 6th Congress Resolution, has contributed to deepening the détente process, to extinguishing the hot-beds of war and consolidating peaceful coexistence.

Within the framework of détente, and with a view to its consolidation, Poland has developed constructive relations with a number of countries of West Europe, notably France, the Scandinavian countries, Austria, Belgium, Italy and Great Britain, as well as with the United States and Japan.

A notable element of co-operation with many States is the contacts of Polish communities abroad with the land of their forefathers in whose great achievements and dynamic development most Poles all over the world take pride.

The agreements between the Polish People's Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany, concluded in the Helsinki spirit, provide the indispensable premises for the further normalization of mutual relations. Their coming into force and implementation are of paramount importance not only for bilateral relations but also for consolidating the climate of détente in Europe.

The Congress affirms that the full implementation of the principles and resolutions contained in the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, by all signatory States, is indispensable for the deepening of positive changes in the international situation and for making them irreversible. In subscribing to it, Poland has expressed her will to consistently put these principles into practice. We shall be striving to broaden mutually beneficial co-operation with all States on the basis of peaceful coexistence and in the interest of a successful future of the European continent. Together with our socialist allies and friends, we shall pursue the détente policy with a view to establishing a lasting system of collective security.

At present, it is necessary to extend détente to the military sphere and to take effective steps to halt the arms race and bring about disarmament. Striving to wind down military confrontation - on the basis of equal security of the parties concerned - Poland will act towards a successful conclusion of the Vienna negotiations on the reduction of armed forces and armaments in central Europe - a highly sensitive area of the continent. It is also of great importance to further strengthen the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, a/ to ban nuclear tests and to convene a world disarmament conference.

Together with her allies Poland will continue efforts to achieve multilateral solutions in Europe. We declare ourselves in favour of all the Baltic States transforming the Baltic Sea basin into a model zone of peace and good-neighbourly co-operation.

The Congress appeals to all progressive political and social forces in Europe, to all realistically-minded people and people of goodwill to make further efforts to establish lasting peace, security and co-operation on this continent. Let us do everything to make détente irreversible.

Our country will continue to make contributions to the strengthening of the United Nations on the basis of the principles and goals set forth in the United Nations Charter.

The Polish United Workers' Party and the Polish people have great sympathy for and give moral and political support to national liberation movements fighting for the sovereignty and the political and social independence for their peoples.

We give every support to the struggle by anti-imperialist forces for peaceful and equitable relations between States, for a new economic order in the world and for an equitable international division of labour which takes into account the interests of all States and in particular of the developing countries.

In solidarity with progressive and democratic movements, our party condemns the terror unleashed by the fascist régime in Chile, extends its warm support to the

a/ Resolution 2373 (XXII), annex.

People's Republic of Angola and to all nations fighting against imperialist aggression and intervention, for freedom, sovereignty and democracy.

We shall continue to give our resolute support to the just demands of the Arab nations to remove the results of aggression and peacefully settle the problems of the Middle East, with all the States of the region guaranteed full security and the inalienable rights of the Palestinian nation duly recognized.

The Polish United Workers' Party will persistently co-operate in the strengthening of the unity of the international communist and workers movement, the avant-garde of progress and peace in the world. Our party attaches great importance to the successful continuation of preparatory works for convening a Conference of Communist and Workers Parties of Europe devoted to the struggle for peace, security, co-operation and social progress on this continent.

Together with the fraternal parties our party will do everything to strengthen the unity and develop co-operation among the entire world-wide anti-imperialist front.

The 7th Congress thoroughly approves and holds in high esteem the work of the PUPW Central Committee, the Political Bureau and the First Secretary, Comrade Edward Gierek in correctly mapping out the directions and tasks of the party's international activity and of the country's foreign policy. The same goes for their dedication to the effective implementation of these tasks.

The Congress reaffirms the unshaken resolve and determination of the Polish United Workers' Party and the Polish People's Republic to continue, together with the fraternal parties and the fraternal socialist States, the persistent struggle for peace, security, international co-operation and social progress.

Our party charted its foreign policy during the dawn of People's Poland. It has served the vital interests of the nation well. On the basis of the alliance with the USSR it has solved the basic national problems by ensuring the country inviolable frontiers and unquestionable security. It is consolidating these achievements and solving the current problems of our international relations in the interest of peace and social progress. This policy is fully understood and appreciated by the nation which gives it its full support. The growing influence of the socialist community on the course of international developments enhances our party's and our nation's firm belief in a victory of the forces of socialism, freedom and peace.
