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Letter dated 29 July 1976 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the  
Permanent Mission of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to  
the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, in connexion with the letter from the Permanent Representatives of France, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America dated 23 July 1976 (A/31/160), has the honour to reaffirm its point of view as expressed in the letter of 8 April 1976 (A/31/80) concerning the illegal character of the establishment by the Federal Republic of Germany of the "Federal Cartel Office" in the western sectors of Berlin and the illegality of appointing the head of that Office as representative of the Federal Republic to the sessions of the United Nations Commission on Transnational Corporations.

The Soviet Government also reaffirms its position on the questions relating to the legal status of Berlin, the capital of the German Democratic Republic, and the legal status of the western sectors of Berlin, and on the rights and responsibilities of the three Powers in the western sectors of Berlin, which was expressed in its letter of 12 May 1975 (A/10084).

The USSR Mission would be grateful if the Secretary-General would have the text of this letter circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 12 of the provisional agenda of the thirty-first session.

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