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OF THE THIRTY-FOURTH SESSION

ADOPTION OF A DECLARATION ON INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION  
FOR DISARMAMENT

Letter dated 12 September 1979 from the Permanent Representative  
of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations addressed to the  
Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to a letter, dated 18 June 1979, in which the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic informed you of Czechoslovakia's request to include into the agenda of the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly the item entitled "Adoption of a declaration on international co-operation for disarmament" (A/34/141). Enclosed I am forwarding to you a draft text of the declaration.

I wish hereby to request that the draft text of the declaration on international co-operation aimed at attaining the objectives of disarmament be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly.

(Signed) Ilja HULINSKÝ  
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Declaration on international co-operation for disarmament

The General Assembly,

Recalling once again the affirmation in the Charter of the determination of the peoples of the United Nations to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war and to this end to unite their strength to maintain international peace and security,

Stressing again the importance of the recommendations and decisions of its tenth special session, devoted to disarmament, and recalling the principles proclaimed in the Final Document of that session,

Convinced that there is an urgent need for active and combined efforts further to intensify the comprehensive implementation of the recommendations and decisions unanimously adopted at its tenth special session,

Recalling the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter, in which the General Assembly proclaimed the duty of all States to pursue in good faith negotiations for the early conclusion of a universal treaty on general and complete disarmament and strive to adopt appropriate measures to reduce international tensions and strengthen confidence among States,

Stressing the inalienable right of every nation and every human being to live in peace, free from the threat of war, in freedom and independence, as was solemnly reaffirmed by the United Nations in the Declaration on the Preparation of Societies for Life in Peace, the strict observance of which is in the highest interests of mankind and is an essential prerequisite for its full development,

Conscious that it is imperative to bring about a dynamic development of détente in all spheres of international relations throughout the world, which would contribute to the achievement of the aims of disarmament,

Deeply disturbed by the fact that international peace and the security of peoples continue to be threatened by the arms race and the accumulation of stockpiles of highly destructive weapons and that at the same time the continuation of the arms race conflicts with the interest of the economic development and the social and spiritual progress of mankind,

Stressing that the Governments of all countries in the world bear a historic responsibility for eliminating war from human life, primarily through the adoption of effective and decisive disarmament measures aimed at the achievement of general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control,

Noting that special responsibility for achieving disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and for averting nuclear war rests with States possessing nuclear weapons and those having substantial military potential,

Believing that the achievement of disarmament and the attainment of its goals are possible only if there is effective, constructive and continuing co-operation among all States, irrespective of their social system and level of economic development or their participation in political or military alliances,

Convinced that such co-operation must be demonstrated, developed and intensified in mutual contacts and wherever States conduct negotiations on disarmament or arms limitation, in order that the aims of the negotiations may be achieved as speedily as possible,

Convinced also that such co-operation must be based on political will and a common determination by States to bring about a decisive shift in disarmament negotiations and, at the same time, must be sustained by the creation of a favourable atmosphere of trust in relations among States,

Bearing in mind the responsibility of the United Nations in promoting the uniting of efforts and the establishment of co-operation among States aimed at the solution of disarmament problems,

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Solemnly calls upon all States actively to promote the development, strengthening and intensification of international co-operation designed to achieve the goals of disarmament, as defined at the tenth special session, and to that end, in particular:

1. To take initiatives aimed at eliminating the threat of nuclear war and adopting effective new measures to halt and reverse the arms race and pave the way for general and complete disarmament;
2. To exercise actively their inalienable right to take part in disarmament negotiations, as confirmed by the Final Document of the tenth special session;
3. To participate actively in measures taken in the field of disarmament, bearing in mind the interests of maintaining both international and national security in conformity with the Charter, and actively to promote such measures;
4. To conduct disarmament negotiations in good faith on various fronts and in a parallel manner on different issues, including appropriate confidence-building measures, with a view to ensuring that such negotiations will complement one another and will be conducive to the early achievement of a decisive breakthrough in the sphere of disarmament.

5. To make every effort to secure continuous and accelerated progress in the negotiations on halting the arms race and achieving disarmament and, to these ends, to refrain, in particular, from linking such negotiations with issues unrelated to their immediate object;

6. To strive in the course of disarmament negotiations to ensure that they outstrip the qualitative development and stockpiling of weapons to which the negotiations relate and, wherever possible, to prevent the emergence of new types of weapons and weapon systems of high destructive capability, particularly weapons of mass destruction;

7. To ensure that multilateral negotiations on disarmament questions of general concern are conducted with appropriate participation and with the support of the international community, bearing in mind the role of the United Nations, which, in conformity with the Charter, has a primary responsibility in the sphere of disarmament;

8. To enter also into bilateral or regional negotiations on disarmament questions in the course of which, the interests of all States of the region concerned and of the entire international community should be respected.

## II

Urges all States, with a view to further improving the international climate required for the full implementation of the Final Document and accelerating the progress of the appropriate disarmament negotiations, in particular:

1. To exert determined efforts to reduce further the danger of the outbreak of military conflicts and to strengthen mutual confidence with a view to broadening the basis for a decisive advance towards the solution of disarmament problems, as well as creating the pre-conditions for the dismantling of military alliances;

2. To refrain from seeking military superiority and from any other steps that would unfavourably affect general disarmament efforts, and accordingly to refrain from using their military potential for aggressive purposes, notably the threat or use of force against the sovereignty, territorial integrity or political independence of any State or against peoples under colonial or foreign domination which are striving to exercise their right to self-determination and the achievement of independence, or for interference in the internal affairs of other States;

3. To strive consistently for the repudiation of all concepts which are based on military intimidation and policies of acting from a position of strength and which lead to the intensification or perpetuation of the arms race and the further accumulation of armaments;

4. To affirm, wherever possible, in their constitutional norms or by any other appropriate means, their political will and determination to promote with all their strength the cause of peace and international security and the achievement of progress in the field of disarmament:

5. To take steps, individually and collectively, to promote a better understanding by world opinion of the danger of the arms race and the need for disarmament, and to ensure that world opinion exerts a positive influence on the efforts of Governments to resolve disarmament issues, utilizing to this end their educational systems, the mass media and all other appropriate institutions:

6. On the basis of the principles of the Charter, to take all appropriate measures, including legislative ones, to prevent and prohibit propaganda for war and the arms race and the dissemination of views asserting their necessity or usefulness on political, economic or other grounds:

7. To take vigorous measures, individually or collectively, to disseminate the ideals of peace, disarmament, co-operation and friendly relations between peoples.

### III

Urges all States, in implementing the common political will expressed in the Final Document, to strive to achieve concrete measures of disarmament, and in that connexion:

1. In all disarmament negotiations, to be guided by the principles of peaceful coexistence and the other generally recognized principles of international law:

2. To solve the problems of disarmament in such a way that, as a result of the measures adopted, both the security of the States participating in the negotiations and the security of the entire international community will be strengthened and that at each stage of the negotiations the principle of undiminished security of each party will not be impaired;

3. To endeavour to ensure that all treaties and obligations in the field of disarmament accepted in matters of general interest will take on a universal character and that treaties and obligations of regional significance will enter into force for all the States of the region:

4. To ensure the effectiveness of agreements in the field of disarmament through the adoption of appropriate verification measures which will correspond in scope and character to the measures provided for by each agreement, without damage to any of the contracting parties, in such a way that the obligations arising out of such agreements will be rigorously complied with by all the contracting parties;

5. To consult with one another on disarmament matters at all levels, including the highest level, in order that, in a spirit of goodwill and in an endeavour to harmonize their positions, they may establish the political pre-conditions for the solution of those problems, and also, in the interests of disarmament, to make maximum use of all opportunities for co-operation created by States in other fields of their relations with one another;

6. To consider in a fully responsible manner and in a spirit of co-operation all proposals and initiatives aimed at promoting the achievement of mutually acceptable concrete measures of disarmament and helping to accelerate progress in disarmament negotiations.

#### IV

1. Declares that the principles of this Declaration are interrelated in their interpretation and implementation and that each of them is a component of a joint approach by States in their efforts for real disarmament and the development of broad international co-operation for achieving its purposes, as defined by the tenth special session.

2. Declares further that no provision of this Declaration may be interpreted as contradicting the purposes and principles of the Charter . No provision of this Declaration may interfere with the immediate realization of the right of every State to individual or collective self-defence in accordance with the Charter, or with the right of colonial peoples to struggle by every possible means for their national freedom and independence.