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MEMORANDUM OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST
REPUBLICS CONCERNING URGENT MEASURES TO STOP THE ARMS RACE
AND ACHIEVE DISARMAMENT

Note verbale dated 22 January 1969 from the Permanent Representative
of Hungary to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of the Hungarian People's Republic to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and with reference to the letter of the Permanent Representatives of France, the United Kingdom and the United States of America addressed on 21 December 1968 to the Secretary-General (A/7481) has the honour to state the following.

The letter once again contains unjustifiable discriminatory statements in regard to the German Democratic Republic. Completely ignoring the historical fact of the existence of two independent States on German territory, the representatives of the three Western Powers repeat in their letter a false assertion to the effect that the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany is the sole representative of the German people in international affairs.

The Hungarian Government has many times stated that there are two German States - the German Democratic Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany - each of which is a sovereign State and in the question of their recognition in international organizations the principle of universality should prevail.

Maintaining full sovereignty on her territory the German Democratic Republic observes all the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and has for many years conducted a foreign policy of positive contributions to important questions on the agenda of our Organization. Such contributions including those on disarmament were repeatedly made available to the Member States. The German Democratic Republic was one of the first States to sign the Treaty of the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and pursues an unquestionable progressive policy in the field of all aspects of disarmament. On the basis of adhering to the principles of the Charter the German Democratic Republic has rightly applied to be admitted as a member of the United Nations.

The other German State, which the signatories of the letter contained in document A/7481 regard to be "authorized to speak in the name of Germany as representative of the German people in international affairs", obstructs all positive efforts to achieve disarmament, has not signed the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and does not recognize the frontiers and territorial integrity of several European countries. The Federal Republic of Germany has not applied for admission to the United Nations. These facts seem to indicate that the Federal Republic of Germany does not wish to respect the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations.

It seems to be timely to repeat again that statements of non-recognition by the three Western Powers are bound to result in prolonging and increasing the international tension in Europe.

The Permanent Representative of the Hungarian People's Republic to the United Nations requests this note to be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly.
