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ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

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

Letter dated 22 January 1969 from the Permanent Representative of Bulgaria
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In a letter dated 21 December 1968, which was circulated as an official document of the General Assembly (A/7481), the Permanent Representatives of the United States of America, France and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland saw fit once again to repeat the groundless assertion that the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany is the sole German Government "authorized to speak in the name of Germany as representative of the German people in international affairs".

The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of Bulgaria has repeatedly shown that assertions of this kind are quite absurd and do not reflect the real situation.

The existence of two sovereign German States - the German Democratic Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany, each of which performs the functions proper to a sovereign State, including those relating to international affairs - is an indisputable fact. Denial of this fact is tantamount to encouragement of the revanchist circles in West Germany and is aimed at maintaining tension in Europe.

I should be grateful if you would circulate this letter as an official document of the General Assembly.

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to the United Nations