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COMMEMORATION OF THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Letter dated 12 June 1985 from the Permanent Representative of  
the German Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed  
to the Secretary-General

On behalf of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the German Democratic Republic, I should like to inform you that, in accordance with General Assembly decision 39/425 of 17 December 1984 and Assembly resolution 39/10 of 8 November 1984, a National Committee of the German Democratic Republic has been set up to co-ordinate international and national measures for preparing and observing the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations and the International Year of Peace (1986). The Committee, under the chairmanship of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the German Democratic Republic, Oskar Fischer, includes outstanding representatives of governmental institutions and social organizations (see annex).

At its constituent meeting, held at Berlin on 4 June 1985, the Chairman of the National Committee paid tribute to the United Nations Organization as a universal forum for international dialogue and joint activities to strengthen international security, whose commitment to peace and progress all over the world, to arms limitation and disarmament and to the development of fruitful relations among States, is uncontested.

Proceeding from the historic lessons of the victory won by the Soviet Union and the other States united in the anti-Hitler coalition, Oskar Fischer pointed to the duty of all Member States as laid down in the Charter of the United Nations to do everything in order to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war. He

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