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Letter dated 10 June 1985 from the Permanent Representative of
China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter from Mr. Wang Bingnan, Chairman of the Chinese Organizing Committee of the International Year of Peace. I would be grateful if this letter and the attached information could be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 27 of the preliminary list.

(Signed) Mr. LING Qing
Permanent Representative of
the People's Republic of China
to the United Nations

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ANNEX

Letter dated 15 May 1985 from the Chairman of the
Chinese People's Association for Friendship with
Foreign Countries

In keeping with the lofty aim of the United Nations to preserve world peace and the Chinese people's fervent opposition to war and their desire to preserve peace, I have the honour to inform you that, on 10 May, following consultations with Chinese political, economic, scientific and technological, religious, educational, press and artistic circles and with trade unions and youth, women's and other mass organizations, the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, in its capacity as the body responsible for the preparation of activities to be launched in China for the International Year of Peace, established at Beijing the Chinese Organizational Committee for the International Year of Peace; the Committee is composed of 40 persons - leaders of Government and mass organizations and eminent persons from all circles - and will co-ordinate the various activities for the safeguarding of world peace to be launched in China and will maintain contact with the United Nations. Attached herewith are a list of the members of the Chinese Organizational Committee, the programme of activities to be carried out in China for the International Year of Peace and proposals to the United Nations. The office of the Committee has been set up at the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (cable address: YOUXIE, BEIJING, CHINA).

The preservation of world peace has become the most important and urgent question in contemporary international politics. Thus the proclamation of the International Year of Peace is fully in keeping with the shared hopes of all mankind. It is my deep conviction that, in the course of striving towards the lofty goal of preserving world peace, we will be able to co-operate fully and closely with you.

(Signed) WANG Bingnan
President, Chinese People's Association
for Friendship with Foreign Countries
Chairman, Chinese Organizational Committee
for the International Year of Peace

APPENDIX I

Nameslist of the Chinese Organizing Committee
of the International Year of Peace

Ma Hong, President of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
Wang Bingnan, President of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC)
Wang Guangying, Vice-Chairman of All-China Federation of Industry and Commerce
Wang Jiapang, Vice-Chairman of All-China Federation of Trade Unions
Ba Jin, Chairman of China Writer's Union
Lu Jiaxi, President of the Chinese Academy of Sciences
Bai Shouyi, Deputy Director of the Chinese Islamic Association
Feng Xiliang, Editor-in-Chief of China Daily
Sun Pinghua, Vice-President of the Sino-Japan Friendship Association
Zhu Liang, Member of the National Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference
Liu Deyou, Assistant to Minister of Culture
Liu Genqin, Vice-President of CPAFFC
Li Yimang, President of the Chinese Association for International Understanding
Chen Haosu, Vice-Mayor of Beijing Municipality
Wu Zuoren, Chairman of the China Federation of Fine Arts
Wu Lengxi, Minister of Radio and Television
Wu Hengxing, Director of Tumour Hospital under the Chinese Academy of Medical Science
Wu Quanheng, Vice-President of the Soong Ching Ling Foundation
Keyoumu Bawudong, Vice-Chairman of the All-China Federation of Youth
Zhang Guangdou, Vice-President of Qinghua University
Zhou Peiyuan, Chairman of the China Association for Science and Technology
Zhou Erfu, Vice-President of CPAFFC
Lin Lin, Noted Chinese poet
Lin Jiamei, Expert of health protection for women and children
Zong Huaide, Chairman of the Chinese Patriotic Catholic Association
Huan Xiang, General Director of Center of International Studies
Gong Dafei, President of Sino-Africa Friendship Association
Fei Xiaotong, Noted Chinese sociologist
Shi Ruzhang, Vice-Chairman of the Chinese Christian Association
Zhao Puchu, Chairman of the Chinese Buddhist Association

Xia Yan, Chairman of China Federation of Literary and Art Circles

Xu Cai, Vice-Minister of the State Physical Culture and Sports Commission

Xu Xiaobing, Vice-Chairman of the Chinese Photographers' Association

Qing Chuan, Chief editor of People's Daily

Huang Ganyinq, Vice-Chairman of the All-China Women's Federation

Qian Qisheng, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs

Han Nianlong, President of the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs

Pu Jie, Vice-Chairman of the State Nationalities Affairs Commission of the National People's Congress

Liao Hui, Director of the Office of Overseas Chinese Affairs of State Council of the People's Republic of China

Mu Qing, President of Xinhua News Agency

Chairman: Wang Bingnan

Vice-Chairmen: Zhou Peiyuan

Qian Qisheng

Huan Xiang

Zhou Erfu

Huang Ganyin

Chen Haosu

Secretary-General: Liu Gengyin

Vice Secretaries-General: Jia Jizhou, Director of the General Office of CPAFFC

Yu Mengjia, Deputy Director of the Department of International Affairs of Foreign Ministry

Tang Mingxing, Deputy Director of the Department of American and Oceanian Affairs of CPAFFC

APPENDIX II

Programme of activities to be held in China for the International Year of Peace and proposals to the United Nations

- I. Programme of activities to be held in China for the International Year of Peace:
1. A mass rally to commemorate the International Year of Peace will be held at Beijing; eminent persons and delegations from all fields will be invited to participate;
 2. The Chinese Academy of Social Sciences will conduct a symposium on the preservation of world peace; eminent scholars and persons involved in peace activities will be invited to present papers or give lectures;
 3. A major long-distance peace torch relay race will be organized;
 4. Major periodicals throughout the country will publish relevant scholarly, literary and artistic essays and pictures;
 5. The Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications will issue a series of stamps commemorating the International Year of Peace;
 6. The People's Bank of China will issue a set of commemorative coins (one gold and one silver) for the International Year of Peace;
 7. The Publications Bureau will issue pamphlets on the International Year of Peace;
 8. The Ministry of Culture and artists' associations will be asked to create literary and artistic works and give performances having as their theme the International Year of Peace.
- II. Proposals to the United Nations for launching the International Year of Peace:
1. The United Nations might design an International Year of Peace emblem;
 2. A World Peace Year celebration, having as its theme "Peace and the Future", might be held when the General Assembly meets in 1986;
 3. The General Assembly might adopt an Appeal for Peace, calling for a halt to all acts of hegemony and wars of aggression, opposition to interference in the internal affairs of other countries and the use of peaceful means to settle international disputes;
 4. The United Nations might issue stamps commemorating the International Year of Peace;

5. The United Nations might initiate an International Year of Peace Commemorative Coin Programme, appealing to all States to participate; China would be willing to assume responsibility for minting the commemorative coins of some participating States.
