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INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

ACTIVITIES OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC AND OTHER INTERESTS WHICH ARE IMPEDING  
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE  
TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA, SOUTH WEST  
AFRICA AND TERRITORIES UNDER PORTUGUESE DOMINATION AND IN ALL OTHER  
TERRITORIES UNDER COLONIAL DOMINATION AND EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE  
COLONIALISM, APARTHEID AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

Note verbale dated 12 January 1968 from the Permanent Mission of the  
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic to the United Nations addressed  
to the President of the General Assembly

The Permanent Mission of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic to the  
United Nations presents its compliments to the President of the United Nations  
General Assembly and has the honour to state the following.

On 14 December 1967 a letter from the Permanent Representatives of France,  
the United Kingdom and the United States, containing discriminatory statements  
with regard to the German Democratic Republic, which had informed the United  
Nations through the Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of Bulgaria  
(A/6941) of its position on questions relating to the elimination of colonialism and  
neo-colonialism, was circulated as an official document of the General Assembly  
(A/6985).

The representatives of the three Western Powers have taken upon themselves  
the impossible and ungrateful task of trying to make it appear as if the German  
Democratic Republic did not exist. However, statements of this nature cannot  
refute the well-known fact that for almost twenty years an independent and  
sovereign State, the German Democratic Republic, has existed and successfully  
developed in central Europe. It is sufficient to recall that economically the

German Democratic Republic is one of the ten most highly developed countries in the world. Most of the States represented in the United Nations maintain broad and varied relations with the German Democratic Republic and highly esteem the role it plays in developing European and international co-operation and defending peace and the security of peoples. The German Democratic Republic, which consistently supports the principles and purposes of the United Nations, has applied for admission to membership in the United Nations; this fact speaks for itself.

As regards the assertions to the effect that the Federal Republic of Germany is authorized "to speak on behalf of Germany as the representative of the German people in international affairs", one can only regret that the representatives of the Western Powers should help, through the circulation of their official documents, to spread at the United Nations the revanchist ideas and views of the ruling circles in the Federal Republic of Germany. Such actions must inevitably encourage the efforts of militaristic and neo-nazi forces in the Federal Republic to bring about a revision of the results of the Second World War - efforts which endanger peace.

The Permanent Mission of the Byelorussian SSR to the United Nations would be grateful if this note could be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly.

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