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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE STRENGTHENING OF  
INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Letter dated 24 January 1973 from the Permanent Representatives  
of Pakistan and Romania to the United Nations addressed to the  
Secretary-General

On the instructions of our respective Governments, we have the honour to bring to your attention the Solemn Joint Declaration of the Socialist Republic of Romania and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, signed by the President of the State Council of the Socialist Republic of Romania, Mr. Nicolae Ceaușescu, and by the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Mr. Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, during the visit of the President of the State Council of the Socialist Republic of Romania to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, from 8 to 12 January 1973.

We should be grateful if you would have this letter and the above-mentioned Declaration distributed as an official document of the General Assembly under the item "Implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security".

(Signed) Iqbal Ahmed AKHUND  
Ambassador, Permanent  
Representative of the Islamic  
Republic of Pakistan to the  
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(Signed) Ion DATCU  
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United Nations

SOLEMN JOINT DECLARATION OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC  
OF ROMANIA AND THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN

The Socialist Republic of Romania and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan,

Taking into consideration the relations of mutual esteem and friendship between the two countries and desiring to develop further relations of friendship and co-operation between their peoples on the basis of the principles of international law and justice,

Wishing to strengthen the contribution of the two countries to the cause of international peace and security and the development of co-operation among all States,

Reaffirming their adherence to the principles of the United Nations Charter,

Mindful of the responsibility devolving on all States, small or large, for the establishment of a climate of security and co-operation in the world and for the development of friendly relations among all countries, irrespective of their size and political, economic or social system,

Recalling that all States, without discrimination, have the right and duty to participate in the settlement of international issues of mutual interest,

Expressing their confidence that international peace rests on the observance of the sacred right of each State to sovereignty and independence, to peace and security and the inalienable right of each people to decide its own fate, without any outside interference, coercion or pressure,

Determined to contribute towards general efforts for promoting conditions of peace and security in Asia, Europe and the world and for developing friendly relations among nations,

Realizing the necessity for greater efforts at the national and international levels to ensure faster progress of developing countries in order to bridge the gulf between them and the developed countries,

Asserting the right of all States to mutual co-operation in various fields and to have free access to the achievements of modern science and technology,

I. Declare their common determination:

- to broaden and deepen their relations of friendship and co-operation in the political, economic, technological, scientific and cultural fields,

- to develop a mutually advantageous economic co-operation attaching particular attention to the increase of trade exchanges and

- to facilitate the development of exchanges in the fields of science, education, culture and arts and to promote better understanding and friendship between the two peoples,

II. Declare their common determination to base their bilateral relations as well as their relations with all other States on the following principles:

1. The inalienable right of each people to decide its own fate and to choose their own political, economic and social system in accordance with their own will and interests without external interference.

2. The sacred right of each State to freedom, national independence and sovereignty.

3. The inherent right of each sovereign State to make use of its natural wealth and all other resources in keeping with its own interests.

4. The equality of rights of all States, irrespective of size and political and economic system.

5. The right of each State to participate on an equal footing in the settlement of international issues of concern to it.

6. Mutual advantage within the framework of inter-state co-operation in all fields.

7. The right and duty of States, irrespective of their social and political system, to co-operate with each other in various fields with a view to maintaining peace and security and the economic and social progress of all nations.

8. Non-interference, in any way and under any pretext, in the internal or external affairs of other States.

9. Respect for the inviolability of state frontiers and the territorial integrity of States.

10. The obligation of States to refrain in their international relations from any kind of coercion of a military, political, economic or any other nature and from the threat of force or use of force under any pretext or circumstances, against any State.

11. The inherent right of each State to individual or collective self-defence.

12. Settlement of all disputes between States by peaceful means.

III. They declare their common determination:

- to develop relations of friendship and co-operation with all States and to act so that effective steps be taken in the field of disarmament and to promote détente, peace, good understanding and co-operation in Asia, Europe and the world;

to co-operate in strengthening the role of the United Nations as an instrument to stimulate co-operation among States in accordance with the rules of international law and to promote the settlement of international issues, in the interest of world peace and security.

IV. With a view to ensuring the implementation of the provisions of the present Declaration, the Socialist Republic of Romania and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan will have consultations through periodic meetings at appropriate levels.

The present Declaration was drawn up in Rawalpindi on 9 January 1973, in two copies, each in the Romanian and English languages, the two versions having equal force.

For the Socialist Republic  
of Romania,

(Signed) Nicolae CEAUŞESCU  
President of the State Council  
of the Socialist Republic of  
Romania

For the Islamic Republic  
of Pakistan,

Zulfikar Ali BHUTTO  
President of the Islamic  
Republic of Pakistan

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