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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE STRENGTHENING
OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Letter dated 11 June 1974 from the Permanent Representative
of the German Democratic Republic to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you an excerpt from the joint communiqué signed on the occasion of the official visit which the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Finland, Dr. Ahti Karjalainen, paid to the German Democratic Republic from 27 to 29 May 1974 at the invitation of Mr. Otto Winzer, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the German Democratic Republic.

I would like to ask Your Excellency to have the text of this part of the joint communiqué circulated as an official document relating to the item "Implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security" of the preliminary list of items for the twenty-ninth session of the General Assembly as well as to the adopted resolutions regarding this item.

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ANNEX

Excerpt from the joint communiqué on the official visit which the
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the
Republic of Finland, Dr. Ahti Karjalainen, paid to the German
Democratic Republic

Both sides stated with satisfaction that since normal diplomatic relations had been established between the two States on 7 January 1973 in accordance with the Treaty on the Settlement of Relations between the German Democratic Republic and the Republic of Finland, their friendly relations of many years standing had developed successfully on the foundation of the policy of peaceful coexistence in the political, economic, scientific, technical and cultural sectors. They appreciated the favourable and mutually advantageous development of economic relations that is taking place on the basis of the long-term trade agreement and the government agreement on economic, scientific, technical and industrial co-operation, dated 1973. The agreements concluded and the mixed government committee form a good basis for the volume of commercial exchange continuing to increase steadily in the future.

The German Democratic Republic and the Republic of Finland attach great importance also to deepening all-round fruitful co-operation in other spheres as, for example, consular affairs, culture, science, public health and social care, and see good possibilities for developing relations in an even more manifold way through further contractual agreements.

The two sides established furthermore that talks have begun and will go on to settle financial and legal questions that have remained unsolved since World War II. They welcomed the signing of a road traffic agreement during the visit, and expressed their satisfaction at the way talks about a consular agreement are progressing. This agreement is due to be signed in a short time. The thanks and deep appreciation of the German Democratic Republic were expressed for the function of protective power the Republic of Finland is exercising in Chile for the German Democratic Republic, and for the work performed in this connexion.

The parties to the talks were agreed that personal meetings between the representatives of the German Democratic Republic and the Republic of Finland are highly significant for the expansion and deepening of relations between the two States. They think that continuing the exchange of views in various fields is useful.

Both sides will endeavour to contribute actively toward the solving of questions of multilateral interest concerning the protection of the environment and the preservation of natural resources in the Baltic region. They look on the Convention on the Protection of Maritime Environment of the Baltic Sea Area, which was signed in Helsinki, as a hopeful beginning of this process. The parties to the talks established with satisfaction that, as an outcome of the positive

developments in Europe to which both States have contributed constructively, important progress has been made in the implementation of the principles of peaceful coexistence, the post-war period has been brought to an end, and real prospects have opened up for peaceful co-operation between the European States.

Both sides professed the will of their Government to continue contributing toward the consolidation of security and the development of co-operation in Europe and work with the aim of making the results achieved irreversible. Within this framework, they attach a special measure of significance to the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe. They will work actively for this conference being concluded successfully with the utmost expedition and at the highest level. The Government of the German Democratic Republic expresses its satisfaction that the Government of the Republic of Finland completed all the preparations for the holding of the third stage of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.

Both sides are agreed on the necessity of complementing the political détente with arms limitation and disarmament measures.

A special responsibility is incumbent upon the United Nations in the maintenance and consolidation of peace and international security. Imperturbable adherence to the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter and the consistent implementation of the United Nations decisions on international security are an essential prerequisite for increasing the effectiveness of the Organization as an important instrument for the guaranteeing of world peace and international security. The parties to the talks stressed the significance of the documents adopted at the sixth special session and underlined the necessity of their implementation in this connexion. The parties to the talks established with satisfaction that the international détente had contributed accordingly towards the shift into the political sphere of the solving of the situations of conflict in Viet-Nam, Laos and the Middle East.
