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Letter dated 24 March 1975 from the Permanent Representative of the
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the USSR to the United Nations is obliged to draw attention to the fact that the provisional list of representatives of States to the first session of the United Nations Commission on Transnational Corporations indicates that the official representative of the Federal Republic of Germany will be Professor E. Günther, the President of the Federal Office for the Supervision of Cartels and Trusts in the Federal Republic of Germany, an office which has its headquarters in West Berlin.

This action by the Federal Republic of Germany is clearly contrary to the Quadripartite Agreement of 3 September 1971 on West Berlin, according to which West Berlin is not a constituent part of the Federal Republic of Germany and is not governed by it. Accordingly, the activities in West Berlin of the Federal Office for the Supervision of Cartels and Trusts, representing an attempt to establish the jurisdiction of the Federal Republic of Germany over West Berlin, are contrary to the Quadripartite Agreement and incompatible with its provisions.

The nomination of a person from West Berlin as the accredited representative of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Nations Commission on Transnational Corporations does not facilitate the efforts of the United Nations to reduce international tension and expand international co-operation. The attempts of the Federal Republic of Germany to involve the United Nations in such violations of international agreements are not consonant with international détente and do not advance the goal of maintaining a normal situation around West Berlin. They can only create misunderstandings and complications. For these reasons, the Permanent Mission of the USSR to the United Nations and the

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representative of the USSR to the United Nations Commission on Transnational Corporations cannot recognize the legality of the nomination of Professor Günther as the representative of the Federal Republic of Germany to that Commission.

I should be grateful if you would circulate this letter as an official document of the General Assembly under item 12 of the preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the thirtieth session of the United Nations General Assembly (Report of the Economic and Social Council).

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