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SECURITY COUNCIL BY 10 PER CENT AND UTILIZATION OF PART OF THE FUNDS  
THUS SAVED TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Letter dated 14 August 1974 from the Permanent Representative of  
China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your note PO 112(6) dated 2 August 1974. At the twenty-eighth session of the General Assembly, the Chinese delegation pointed out in explicit terms that the proposal of the USSR on "reduction of the military budgets of States permanent members of the Security Council by 10 per cent and utilization of part of the funds thus saved to provide assistance to developing countries" was an out-and-out fraud designed to cover up its frenzied arms expansion and stubborn opposition to genuine disarmament. The Chinese delegation voted against this proposal at the twenty-eighth session of the General Assembly. Consequently, it is simply out of the question for the Chinese delegation to participate in the so-called "Special Committee" to be formed according to the said proposal and to have any contact with it.

I would request Your Excellency to have this letter circulated as an official document of the General Assembly.

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People's Republic of China  
to the United Nations

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