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COMMEMORATION OF THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Letter dated 5 June 1985 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the
Permanent Mission of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic to
the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a letter from V. A. Kravets, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and Deputy Chairman of the Commission for the Observance in the Ukrainian SSR of the Year of the United Nations and the International Year of Peace, regarding the commemoration of the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations and the observance of the International Year of Peace.

Please circulate this letter as an official document of the General Assembly under items 27 and 39 of the preliminary list.

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Letter dated 15 May 1985 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Deputy Chairman of the Commission for the Observance in the Ukrainian SSR of the Year of the United Nations and the International Year of Peace

In connection with the decisions taken by the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session regarding the commemoration of the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations in 1985 and the observance of the International Year of Peace in 1986, I have the honour to communicate the following:

The Ukrainian SSR, which was one of the founders of the United Nations and participated directly in the drafting of its Charter, reaffirms its abiding commitment to the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter and believes that the observance of the Year of the United Nations and the International Year of Peace acquires particular significance in connection with the commemoration by the peoples of the world of the fortieth anniversary of the historic victory over fascism, which created the conditions for the founding of the United Nations in order "to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war".

In our view, the commemoration of the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations and the observance of the International Year of Peace can and should serve as a further means of mobilizing the efforts of peoples and States Members of the Organization to remove the threat of nuclear war, halt the arms race, eliminate sources of international tension and conflict, and develop mutually beneficial co-operation among States. This is especially important in view of the present sharp exacerbation of the international situation.

A major role in observing the Year of the United Nations and the International Year of Peace undoubtedly belongs to national organizations.

By a decision of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the Ukrainian SSR on 1 March 1985, a Commission for the Observance in the Ukrainian SSR of the Year of the United Nations and the International Year of Peace was established under the chairmanship of Yevgeny Viktorovich Kachalovsky, member of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the Ukrainian Communist Party, First Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Ukrainian SSR. It includes senior party and State officials of the Republic, heads of a number of ministries, departments and scientific institutions and directors of public organizations in the Ukrainian SSR. Many members of the Commission are deputies of the Supreme Soviet of the Ukrainian SSR.

Following the recommendations of the General Assembly, the Commission drew up and approved a plan of activities for the observance in the Ukrainian SSR of the Year of the United Nations and the International Year of Peace. The whole range of planned activities is aimed at the further intensification of efforts to prevent the world from sliding into the abyss of nuclear disaster and to reduce international tension.

The plan provides in particular for the holding in 1985 and 1986 of public meetings and encounters and scientific conferences; the publication of books and pamphlets; the organization of photographic and art exhibitions; and the holding of

poster and children's drawing competitions on themes related to the Year of the United Nations and the International Year of Peace. A special meeting of the Commission for Foreign Affairs of the Supreme Soviet of the Ukrainian SSR is planned for the International Year of Peace. The Republic will solemnly mark 24 October as United Nations Day and will hold a solemn meeting devoted to the International Year of Peace.

Institutions of higher and secondary education in the Ukrainian SSR propose to hold lectures devoted to the work of the United Nations and the struggle for peace, the cessation of the arms race and disarmament. The "peace lesson" held each year in the Republic's secondary schools will be devoted to the International Year of Peace. The annual United Nations Disarmament Week will be observed as part of the International Year of Peace.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the adoption of the historic Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples is to be duly observed in connection with the objectives of the Year of the United Nations and the International Year of Peace.

The Republic's mass media will provide wide coverage of activities devoted to the Year of the United Nations and the International Year of Peace.

Representatives of the Ukrainian SSR will take part in relevant international activities organized within the framework of the United Nations.

The Ukrainian SSR believes that the commemoration of the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations and the observance of the International Year of Peace will help to intensify joint efforts by States and peoples with a view to protecting man's right to life and will contribute to the further enhancement of the role and effectiveness of the United Nations as an international instrument of peace and the security of peoples.

(Signed) V. A. KRAVETS
