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Letter dated 5 July 1985 from the Deputy Permanent
Representative of Yugoslavia to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to kindly request that the enclosed text be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 39 of the preliminary list.

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ANNEX

Statement by Mr. Lazar Mojsov, Member of the Presidency of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and President of the Yugoslav Committee for the Fortieth Anniversary of the United Nations, issued on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of the signing of the Charter of the United Nations

The signing of the Charter of the United Nations in San Francisco on 26 June 1945, after the victory over fascism, inspired all peoples to hopes and visions of a new world and life in peace, co-operation, equality, mutual respect and understanding.

The peoples and nationalities of Yugoslavia suffered enormous losses in the course of the four-year struggle against fascist invasion and aggression and gave their utmost to contribute to the final victory over the dark forces of fascism. Fighting for their freedom, the peoples and nationalities of Yugoslavia had fought at the same time for the victory of the principles that were later embodied in the Charter of the United Nations. It is therefore understandable that Yugoslavia was among the 51 countries signatories of the Charter, one of the most important documents of our times.

The world Organization has so far played an important role in maintaining global peace and security and it has significantly contributed to the solution of numerous issues in the field of economic, social and cultural development of peoples, particularly in the sphere of liberation of a great number of countries under the colonial yoke and exploitation.

However, in the past period, the United Nations has not to the full extent become a multilateral negotiating forum for the implementation of all basic purposes of the Charter, in the maintenance of peace and security for all countries and peoples, for the prevention of the arms race, particularly the nuclear arms race, for the solution of burning international economic problems, numerous crises, and for the eradication of the remnants of colonialism and colonial exploitation.

Today, in the fortieth year of its existence, we note again that the United Nations is an indispensable global instrument of co-operation and understanding among its Member States. In spite of all the shortcomings for the elimination of which we should all work together, the world Organization is still, it is our firm conviction, the most adequate forum for the solution of the complex problems of the contemporary world. Successes or failures of the United Nations are directly related to the contribution, efforts and adherence of each and every Member to the principles of the Charter.

Continuation of the existing division of the world and of the aspirations to strengthen the spheres of influence and domination, as well as of the trends to circumvent the United Nations, cannot be the way to the maintenance of stable peace and security in international relations. At the same time, the renewed escalation of the arms race, particularly the nuclear arms race, generates constantly new

threats to peace and security. Lack of solutions to the world economic problems and the widening gap between North and South contribute also to such a situation.

The non-aligned Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia has always rendered its full support to the United Nations, actively advocating the implementation of the principles and purposes of the Charter in all the bodies of the world Organization. Convinced that this is the only way out of the present tense situation in international relations, Yugoslavia will continue to strive, with even greater resolve, for the same goals in the future.

Yugoslavia is deeply convinced that, in the existing circumstances, understanding, negotiations, equitable international co-operation, mutual respect and confidence-building among all States and peoples are the only way out of the present international situation. Any other way could eventually lead the world to its self-annihilation.

The present degree of the scientific, technical and technological development, as well as many other forms of human knowledge, offer unlimited opportunities for further progress and well-being of all. But in order to achieve lasting peace, harmony, friendship and co-operation, persistent efforts of all countries are needed together with consistent adherence to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the signing of which we are observing today.

Non-aligned Yugoslavia views the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations as the most appropriate occasion for the reaffirmation of the principles of the United Nations, for a sincere manifestation of readiness to enhance the role and effectiveness of the world Organization, and for the implementation of the purposes of the Charter as envisaged by its signatories. It is incumbent upon us to persevere in this noble endeavour.
