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Letter dated 22 December 1989 from the Permanent Representative
of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

Further to my letter dated 21 December 1989 (A/45/63) concerning the respective declarations on the situation in the Socialist Republic of Romania issued by the Federal Assembly and by the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic on 19 December 1989, I have the honour to invite your attention to the declaration made by the Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic on 21 December 1989 addressing the developments in Romania as of that date:

"In the last days widespread manifestations of resentment by population have taken place in several Romanian towns, especially Timisoara, against the repressive and anti-popular policy of the party and state leadership headed by Nicolae Ceausescu. The Government of Czechoslovakia was strongly embittered to receive the news that the justified wrath of the people was and is being bloodily suppressed by the Romanian armed and security forces regardless of human lives. The Federal Government categorically condemns the brutal actions taken against the people of Romania. These actions constitute univocally a violation of the international obligations of that country, in particular those adopted under the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe and under the Concluding Document of the Vienna follow-up meeting, primarily in the field of human rights. Similarly unacceptable is the decision on the closing of borders.

"The Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic consequently addresses itself to the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania with an urgent request that it respect human rights and fundamental freedoms and take measures to the effect that no similar forcible action may ever be repeated again. The Government reserves for itself the right to possibly cut off the diplomatic, economic, cultural and sports contacts. It has decided to recall to Prague the Czechoslovak Ambassador in Bucharest for consultations and to suspend all bilateral negotiations. It has called upon the Romanian Ambassador in Prague to set out for Bucharest to obtain the necessary information.

"The Government expresses its full solidarity with the Romanian people at these times of hardship and assures them with its unreserved moral and political support".

I would be most grateful if you could have the text of the declaration circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under the items entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council", "International covenants on human rights" and "Effective implementation of United Nations instruments on human rights and effective functioning of bodies established pursuant to such instruments", and of the Security Council.

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