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Letter dated 19 December 1989 from the Permanent Representative of
Poland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to submit herewith a letter from the President of the World Union of Cities of Peace and Mayor of the Polish capital, Warsaw, Mr. Jerzy Boleslawski, and the text of the Warsaw Peace Appeal adopted by the World Conference of Cities of Peace, held in Warsaw on 1 and 2 September 1989 to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the outbreak of the Second World War.

I would be grateful if you could arrange for the letter and the enclosed text of the Warsaw Peace Appeal to be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under the item entitled "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security".

(Signed) Dr. Stanislaw PAWLAK
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Letter dated 9 November 1989 from the President of the World
Union of Cities of Peace addressed to the Secretary-General

A World Conference of Cities of Peace was held in Warsaw on 1 and 2 September to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the outbreak of the Second World War. The Conference was attended by members of the World Union of Cities of Peace, the cities you have honoured with the "Peace Messenger" diploma, as well as by Polish martyr cities.

Among the issues raised during the Conference was the proposal to establish a separate organization: an Association of Cities-Advocates of Peace. This issue provoked a turbulent debate, which ended in the conclusion that such an association should not be established for formal as well as substantive reasons. The clinching argument against it was that it would in fact be a closed association since it is you who would determine its membership on the strength of granting the "Peace Messenger" diplomas.

However, the delegates to the Conference recognized as advisable and necessary co-operation between the cities you have honoured with the diploma and hence they suggested that this co-operation be based on periodic conferences to be held under the aegis of the United Nations.

The city of New Haven, the United States, voiced its readiness to play host to the first such conference in mid-1990.

I kindly request you to give your approval to this proposal.

I also wish to inform you that the Conference adopted a decision requesting the President of the World Union of Cities of Peace to ask you to examine the possibility of honouring with the "Peace Messenger" diploma those members of the Union which have yet not received it.

Should you recognize this as advisable, we would be prepared to present to you the cities qualifying for this title, as well as our substantiation for their candidacies.

Enclosed please find the text of the Warsaw Peace Appeal, which was read out in public during the gala meeting of the delegates to the World Cities of Peace Conference and the participants in the Ecumenical Day of Prayer for Peace.

APPENDIX

Warsaw Peace Appeal

On the fiftieth anniversary of the outbreak of the Second World War, we, the participants in the General Conference of the World Union of Cities of Peace and "Peace Messenger" Cities assembled in Warsaw, capital of the country that was first to fall victim of this war, appeal to every city on Earth, to nations and parliaments, to all people of good will - to persist in efforts for peace, détente and greater security in Europe and throughout the world, for co-operation and understanding between people.

Cognizant of the tragedy suffered by the city in which we have met, cognizant of the tragedy of all other cities and towns touched by war, wherever they may be, we appeal to people of all continents to link their efforts in preventing disputes and conflicts, which imperil our world, by actively supporting efforts to form a system of collective security based on principles of mutual, balanced arms reductions.

Honouring the memory of 50 million victims fallen in the last war, honouring the memory of nearly 100 million of those maimed and orphaned, honouring the memory of the victims of later wars and conflicts, we speak out from this spot on behalf of solving all international contentions only through dialogue, through serious, constructive negotiations. We appeal to leaders of States, particularly of global Powers, to free the world totally from the menace of a nuclear Euroshima and Globoshima.

New, positive tendencies in East-West relations, particularly in Europe, offer each nation opportunities to build a better tomorrow and to shape mutual contacts on the basis of values shared by all humanity and surpassing all systems, according to the rules of full partnership, confidence and co-operation on equal terms. The Earth should become a truly common home for all people, irrespective of skin colour, political convictions and general outlook.

Only peaceful development of the world, namely peaceful coexistence, will allow for implementing the commonly shared humanitarian ideals and values rooted in the common attainments and heritage of the civilization of the entire Earth. Moving away from confrontation means a quest for the unity of Europe and the world in diversity, pluralism and more democratic relations between States and nations. It also signifies universal respect and observance of human rights, which guarantee both the complete freedom to espouse and pursue one's own convictions and the right to live and work in peace.

We now have a chance to set contemporary relations between nations on foundations stronger than arms. On the threshold of the twenty-first century, the world, if it desires to survive and continue to develop, has to face in common the most urgent challenges of the present and of the future, such as the ecological

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threat, the development imbalance and the debts and diseases caused by civilization.

We cannot afford to waste this grand chance common to all humanity!
