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Note verbale dated 30 August 1985 from the Permanent Representative of Mongolia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of the Mongolian People's Republic to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, referring to his letter of 11 December 1984, has the honour to transmit herewith the comments of the Mongolian People's Republic with regard to the observance of the International Year of Peace in accordance with General Assembly resolution 39/10 of 8 November 1984.

The Permanent Representative of the Mongolian People's Republic to the United Nations requests that this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 27 of the provisional agenda.

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Comments of the Mongolian People's Republic in relation to General Assembly resolution 39/10

The Mongolian People's Republic, in pursuance of its peace-loving foreign policy, consistently supports the efforts of other States and the world community to prevent the threat of nuclear catastrophe, curb the arms race and improve the international situation.

Accordingly, it fully supported the decision by the General Assembly to observe 1986 as the International Year of Peace, and considers that the observance of the Year will serve as an important additional stimulus to mobilizing the efforts of the world community and of Governments, and will afford an appropriate occasion for the conduct of extensive measures and activities by the international community in support of the struggle of the world's peoples to prevent a nuclear war and curb the arms race.

In accordance with the recommendation of the General Assembly, a National Commission for the Observance of the International Year of Peace and the Year of the United Nations has been set up in Mongolia. The Commission's function is to co-ordinate the activities and measures undertaken at the national level within the framework of the observance of the International Year of Peace and the celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations.

Where the draft programme for the International Year of Peace is concerned, the Mongolian People's Republic considers that the following points should be taken into account in preparing the final version:

. Concrete measures are needed to promote efforts aimed at curbing the arms race and achieving disarmament and at establishing a stable peace on earth;

The measures which will be reflected in the programme should be closely linked to the World Disarmament Campaign;

Concrete programmes are required to acquaint broad segments of the world's population with the practical measures which have been and are being taken in the field of real disarmament;

The importance of compliance with the major principles of the United Nations Charter, including the principle of non-use of force in inter-State relations, should be emphasized in the programme;

The traditional United Nations Week devoted to the promotion of the goals of disarmament should in 1986 be celebrated throughout the world within the context of the International Year of Peace;

Governmental, non-governmental, national and international organizations should be involved as broadly as possible in implementing the measures planned in the course of the International Year of Peace.