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STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Letter dated 9 April 1984 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of Romania to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the appeal, dated 24 March 1984, by the Grand National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Romania addressed to the Supreme Soviet of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the Congress of the United States of America, the parliaments of the European countries in whose territory medium-range nuclear missiles are emplaced and the parliaments of the other European countries and Canada.

At the same time, I have the honour to request that the text of this appeal be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under items 59 (e), (f) and (k), 60 (a) and 68 of the preliminary list.

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AnnexAppeal by the Grand National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Romania addressed to the Supreme Soviet of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the Congress of the United States of America, the parliaments of the European countries in whose territory medium-range nuclear missiles are emplaced and the parliaments of the other European countries and Canada

The Grand National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Romania, deeply concerned by the unprecedented deterioration of the international situation following the commencement of the emplacement of new nuclear missiles on the European continent, fully supports the appeals addressed, on the occasion of the Plenary Meeting of the Central Committee of the Romanian Communist Party on 21 to 22 March 1984, by the President of the country, Nicolae Ceausescu, to heads of State and Government, politicians and all the peoples of the world to unite their efforts and strengthen their co-operation in order to find - before it is too late - the best ways of stopping the deterioration of the international situation, halting the dangerous arms race and saving mankind from nuclear catastrophe, and establishing a climate of peace, co-operation, confidence and understanding in Europe and throughout the world.

The commencement of the emplacement by the United States of America of medium-range nuclear missiles in certain countries of Western Europe represents a new phase of the nuclear-arms race. That led the Soviet Union to adopt nuclear countermeasures.

Following those actions, a new stage of the nuclear-arms race opened in Europe and led to a marked deterioration of the situation on the continent and an increase in the danger of nuclear war.

The intensification of nuclear weapons increases considerably the danger of a world war which, in current conditions, would, inevitably, become a nuclear war leading to the destruction of life on our planet. The gravity of the present international situation lies in the current intensification of nuclear weapons, which represents the greatest danger, because the use of nuclear weapons, unlike all conventional weapons, even the most sophisticated, would lead not only to the destruction of a considerable number of human lives and economic and social objectives but also to the destruction of mankind as a whole and of the very conditions necessary for life on our planet. We must heed the very severe warning of the scientists - including Soviet and American scientists - who have demonstrated that the use of only a small part of the vast nuclear arsenals in the possession of the United States of America and the USSR would unleash a "nuclear winter" and lead to the disappearance of life on earth.

In view of this grave danger, we believe that the argument that the production and emplacement of new nuclear weapons can constitute a means of strengthening the security and peace of the peoples is unacceptable. On the contrary, any new

nuclear weapon can only further increase the degree of insecurity of the peoples, increase the danger of the destruction of human civilization, mankind and the very conditions necessary for the existence of life on the planet. The use of nuclear weapons is likely to affect equally both those who resort to it and other States. It will not be possible for anyone to remain untouched by the effects of the use of nuclear weapons. Therefore, in the event of a nuclear war, there would be neither vanquished nor victors; the normal, natural course of mankind and all life on our planet would be cut off. That is why we believe that the fundamental problem of our time is to halt the nuclear-arms race, to remove the danger of war and to guarantee and strengthen peace. Every effort must be made to defend the supreme right of nations, of the peoples, to peace, to freedom and independence, to existence and to life!

In view of the supreme responsibility which we, the parliaments, bear vis-à-vis our peoples for upholding the cause of peace and of the life of all the nations of the world, let us spare no effort in order to halt the emplacement of medium-range nuclear missiles, in order to proceed to the elimination of all nuclear weapons from the European continent and, subsequently, to general disarmament and the building of a world of peace and co-operation, without weapons and without wars!

The Grand National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Romania addresses an appeal to the Congress of the United States of America to take action to halt the emplacement of new United States medium-range nuclear missiles in the territory of certain countries of Western Europe and to refrain from installing new nuclear weapons on the European continent, and to proceed to negotiations for the elimination of medium-range nuclear missiles and other nuclear weapons from Europe.

The Grand National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Romania addresses, at the same time, an appeal to the Supreme Soviet of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to take action to undertake measures to ensure that, simultaneously with the halting of the installation of United States medium-range missiles, implementation of the nuclear countermeasures announced by the Soviet Union is halted.

We appeal to the Congress of the United States of America and to the Supreme Soviet of the USSR to take action, having regard to the interests of their own peoples and to peace in Europe and throughout the world - after the adoption of measures to halt the emplacement of United States medium-range nuclear missiles and implementation of the nuclear countermeasures announced by the Soviet Union - to take action to ensure the resumption of negotiations between the Soviet Union and the United States of America, with a view to arriving at adequate agreements and arrangements regarding the halting of the installation and deployment of nuclear missiles on the continent, the withdrawal of existing ones and the liberation of the continent from any kind of nuclear weapons whatsoever.

The Grand National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Romania addresses to the parliaments of the European countries in whose territory the emplacement of medium-range nuclear missiles has begun an appeal to act resolutely, having regard to the responsibility which they bear for the future of their own peoples and for

peace in Europe and the world, in order to halt the emplacement of such missiles and the deployment in their territory of further nuclear weapons pending the conclusion of an appropriate agreement.

The Grand National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Romania appeals also to the parliaments of the other European countries and Canada to unite their efforts and to take action in order to halt the emplacement of United States medium-range nuclear missiles and the application of the nuclear countermeasures announced by the Soviet Union, with a view to the prompt resumption of Soviet/United States negotiations.

The Grand National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Romania considers that it is possible to reach agreements that will avert the danger of a nuclear war with all its disastrous consequences if negotiations are conducted in an atmosphere of trust and with a high degree of responsibility. The proposals made to that end by the socialist countries and those put forward by a number of States, State leaders, Governments and politicians provide a basis for proceeding to constructive negotiations and concluding appropriate agreements.

Since the installation of nuclear missiles has a bearing on the life and the survival of all the European peoples, all the States of the continent should be involved and should take an active part in the working out of agreements and arrangements for eliminating missiles from Europe and halting the trend towards a nuclear disaster. We therefore consider that the countries of the two military blocs, together with other European States, should take part in one capacity or another in the Soviet/United States negotiations and should make their contributions to the working out of an appropriate agreement and arrangements.

Because parliaments, as the representatives of the will of their peoples, bear a high degree of responsibility vis-à-vis those peoples, the Grand National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Romania proposes that a meeting should be organized at which the representatives of the parliaments of the European countries, the United States of America and Canada should consider the extremely serious situation which has arisen on the continent and should devise and propose suitable means and solutions leading to the termination of the emplacement of United States nuclear missiles in certain Western European countries and of the application of the countermeasures announced by the Soviet Union and to the resumption of the negotiations between the Soviet Union and the United States of America so that agreements and arrangements concerning the halting of the nuclear-arms race will be concluded. Such agreements and arrangements should prepare the way for removing nuclear weapons of every type from the continent.

We appeal to all parliaments and all parliamentarians to act now, before it is too late, in order to satisfy the aspirations and trust of the peoples and their desire for peace, freedom, disarmament, security and independence, and in order to arrest the dangerous descent into the nuclear abyss and ensure the triumph of peace and co-operation on our planet.

The Grand National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Romania firmly believes that all Governments will take into consideration the aspirations and will

of their peoples who, through large demonstrations, are expressing their determination to live and work together in a climate of peace, security and co-operation in a better and more just world, without nuclear weapons, without arms of any type and without war.

It is because of this firm belief that we, the deputies of the Grand National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Romania, again reaffirming our determination to implement in a rational manner the policy of peace and co-operation of socialist Romania, are addressing an appeal to the parliaments and parliamentarians of the European countries, the United States of America and Canada to unite their efforts and to take joint action in order to diminish international tension, halt the nuclear-arms race and conclude agreements which prepare the way for banishing all nuclear weapons from the continent and removing all danger of a devastating nuclear war.

In view of our heavy responsibility vis-à-vis our peoples, let us put before all else the supreme interest of protecting the lives of the peoples and human civilization, let us act and let us do our utmost to build a world of peace and international co-operation!

Bucharest, 24 March 1984
