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REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

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

I have the honour to forward to you the statement of the Great People's Khural of the Mongolian People's Republic (annex I) and the appeal by the Great People's Khural of the Mongolian People's Republic to the Parliaments of the countries of Asia and the Pacific (annex II).

I request you to circulate these two documents 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".

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ANNEX I

Statement of the Great People's Khural of the Mongolian People's Republic

[Original: Russian]

The Great People's Khural of the Mongolian People's Republic, meeting in regular session, states the following in connection with the beginning of the deployment of United States nuclear missiles in Western Europe.

The deployment now under way in a number of Western European countries of American medium-range nuclear missiles, which are first-strike weapons, has led to the disruption of the Geneva talks on the limitation of this type of weapon, and has launched a dangerous new round of the arms race, increasing the nuclear threat to the peoples of Europe and the entire world.

This reckless step has been taken by the present United States Administration and some of its NATO allies in defiance of the clearly manifest will of the peace-loving public on various continents, and they bear full responsibility for the sharp aggravation of the international situation. The most reactionary imperialist circles have set themselves the adventuristic goal of striking a blow at real socialism, stopping the progressive development of the world and achieving a preponderant military and strategic position in the world.

These attempts, however, are doomed to failure. This has been repeatedly stressed in the joint documents of the socialist community countries and the statements made by Comrade Y. V. Andropov, the General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and President of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, on 28 September and 24 November this year.

The Great People's Khural of the Mongolian People's Republic fully endorses and supports the firm and at the same time flexible approach of the Soviet Government to the vitally important problem of removing the threat of a nuclear war, as expressed in the statement of Comrade Y. V. Andropov. We, the representatives of the Mongolian people, expressing their will, declare our resolute support for the specific measures being taken by the Soviet Union and the other member States of the Warsaw Treaty with a view to safeguarding the security of their own countries and of the entire socialist community and preserving peace both in Europe and throughout the world.

The Deputies to the Great People's Khural also fully support the position of the Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party and the Mongolian Government on such dangerous developments, which has been time and again expressed in statements by Y. Tsedenbal, the General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party and President of the Presidium of the Great People's Khural, including his speech at the plenary meeting of the Central Committee of the Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party.

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The Great People's Khural of the Mongolian People's Republic expresses the hope that reason will prevail and the course of international relations will revert to détente and the quest for mutually acceptable agreements in the sphere of disarmament and for ways of strengthening universal peace, security and co-operation among nations. It is now the turn of the West. The readiness of the socialist countries for such a shift has been repeatedly stated and proven by specific actions.

Ulan Bator, 7 December 1983.

ANNEX II

Appeal by the Great People's Khural of the Mongolian People's Republic to the Parliaments of the Countries of Asia and the Pacific

[Original: Russian]

We, the Deputies to the Great People's Khural of the Mongolian People's Republic, appeal to the Parliaments and Parliamentarians in all countries of Asia and the Pacific decisively to raise their authoritative voices in defence of peace and life on earth and to undertake effective steps to avert a nuclear catastrophe.

Entrusted by their electorates with the task of representing and defending their fundamental interests, Parliaments and their members bear a weighty responsibility for the happiness and well-being of their countries' citizens and for sparing them the suffering and the horrors of war. This responsibility has today grown especially great, as forces hostile to peace and the progress of nations increasingly aggravate international tension and escalate the arms race, particularly the nuclear arms race to unprecedented levels, thus further endangering the cardinal right of every nation - the right to life and peace.

The current situation prevailing throughout the world and in a number of regions is arousing serious concern and anxiety among the world public and all people of good will.

The deployment of American medium-range nuclear missiles in a number of Western European countries, which has already begun despite the wishes of the peoples of Europe and other continents, dangerously augments the threat of nuclear war. Its dire consequences endanger life and civilization in all parts of our indivisible world equally.

United States imperialism is intensifying its aggressive intrigues in Asia and is drawing into the orbit of its military and political strategy the anti-popular forces and the resurgent militarism that has brought so much suffering to many peoples of Asia.

The arms race is being extended to Asia, forcing many countries on this continent to squander on things military the colossal financial and human resources so much needed to solve the acute socio-economic problems they face. The network of American military bases and strong-points in Asia is expanding, and the United States military presence in the continent is growing. A particular danger is posed by the deployment of the notorious first-strike nuclear weapons - American medium-range missiles - in the Far East and Indian Ocean region. There is a real and growing danger that this continent will be turned into an arena for nuclear conflict.

The situation in the Middle and Far East and in South-East Asia is seriously deteriorating because of the intrigues of the imperialist forces and their accomplices.

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All this runs counter to the aspirations and national interests of peoples and countries, and poses a direct threat to the peace and security of Asia and the entire world.

World developments make it incumbent upon the general public in all countries and continents to wage a most decisive and selfless struggle to eliminate the danger of war and improve the world political situation radically. The most diverse strata of world society and all peace-loving forces are now engaged in such a struggle.

The Great People's Khural of the Mongolian People's Republic declares that reliance on force and confrontation in no way leads to stability and peace on earth and that the only way towards lasting peace lies through the peaceful coexistence of States, the preservation and consolidation of détente, the achievement of effective agreements in the sphere of disarmament, the broad implementation of confidence-building measures and the strengthening of mutual understanding and co-operation among countries and peoples.

This is exactly what the socialist countries and other peace-loving States firmly and consistently advocate. The constructive proposals and initiatives put forward by them serve precisely these same objectives.

We, the Deputies to the Great People's Khural of the Mongolian People's Republic, appeal to Parliamentarians in Asian and Pacific countries, who are called upon to exercise supreme State power in the true interests of their nations, to do everything possible to ward off the nuclear disaster looming large over mankind, and to mobilize the general public in their countries in the struggle to preserve and consolidate universal peace and prevent the transformation of the Asian continent into a nuclear-missile base. The tragedies of the past war, of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the consequences of which today would be inconceivable, must not be repeated.

The Great People's Khural of the Mongolian People's Republic calls upon Parliamentarians in the Asian countries to become actively involved in the mass anti-war and anti-nuclear movement, to combine their efforts with the struggle of the various strata of the population of their respective countries against the danger of war and, where necessary, to use their authority and influence to intensify the movement.

The Mongolian Parliamentarians express their readiness to join hands with those of the Asian and Pacific countries in intensifying the anti-war and anti-nuclear movement by helping to organize a variety of international measures with a view to consolidating peace and security, both in Asia and throughout the world. With this in view, the Great People's Khural of the Mongolian People's Republic has decided at its present session to set up a group of Mongolian Parliamentarians with the task of maintaining active contacts with Parliamentarians in other countries on matters concerning the struggle for peace, and against war.

The Great People's Khural of the Mongolian People's Republic expresses its firm belief that the Parliaments of the countries of Asia and the Pacific and their members will actively and positively contribute to the noble cause of preserving international peace and security and developing mutually beneficial co-operation among all States.

Ulan Bator, 7 December 1983