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GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT: CONVENTIONAL DISARMAMENT

Letter dated 6 February 1989 from the Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

I have the honour to transmit to you a decision of the State Council and the Council of Ministers of the People's Republic of Bulgaria on the reduction of the armed forces and conventional armaments of the People's Republic of Bulgaria, adopted on 27 January 1989 (see annex).

I would be grateful if you could make the necessary arrangements for the present letter and its annex to be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under the items entitled "Reduction of military budgets" and "General and complete disarmament: Conventional disarmament".

(Signed) Alexander Stresov
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Permanent Representative of the
People's Republic of Bulgaria
to the United Nations

ANNEX

Decision of the State Council and the Council of Ministers of
Bulgaria on the reduction of the armed forces and conventional
armaments of Bulgaria

A joint session of the State Council and the Council of Ministers of the People's Republic of Bulgaria was held on 27 January 1989 to discuss the proposal on unilateral reductions in the armed forces and military budget, submitted by Todor Zhivkov, Secretary General of the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party and President of the State Council. The session adopted the following decision:

"To reduce the 1989 military budget by 12 per cent.

"To reduce by the end of 1990 the country's armed forces by 10,000 men, 200 tanks, 200 artillery systems, 20 aircraft and five naval units."
