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GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT

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

Letter dated 8 April 1985 from the Permanent Representative of Romania
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the Appeal of 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 and the parliaments of all the European countries and Canada, adopted at the meeting on 29 March 1985 of the Grand National Assembly of Romania.

I should be grateful if you would be good enough to issue the text of the Appeal as an official document of the General Assembly under items 65, 68 and 72 of the preliminary list.

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Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Appeal of 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 and the parliaments of all the European countries and Canada

The Grand National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Romania, meeting in its first session of the new legislature, expresses its full support for the domestic and international policy pursued by socialist Romania and acclaims the prodigious activity of the President of the country, Nicolae Ceausescu, who plays the leading role in the formulation and implementation of the motherland's economic and social development programmes, and of Romania's policy - one of peace, broad international co-operation, security and understanding among peoples.

The Grand National Assembly, on behalf of the Romanian people, fully supports the activities, proposals and initiatives of President Nicolae Ceausescu aimed at halting the arms race, particularly the nuclear arms race, stopping the testing, deployment and installation in Europe of new nuclear weapons, eliminating all nuclear weapons from the continent, achieving disarmament and guaranteeing peace in the world.

In a strongly supportive spirit, the Grand National Assembly - in full consensus with the will and aspirations of all our people - unanimously and strongly supports the stirring appeal to parliaments, Heads of State and Government and all peace-loving forces made by President Nicolae Ceausescu from the rostrum of this high democratic forum of the country, in his solemn inaugural address following his re-election as President of the Socialist Republic of Romania, that they make every effort to halt the arms race and to achieve disarmament, in particular nuclear disarmament, and to defend the fundamental right of peoples to free and independent development, to existence, to peace and to life.

Deeply concerned at the particularly serious situation in the world, the Grand National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Romania has now decided, at the beginning of its new term, to address itself to the Parliaments of the Governments of Europe, the United States of America and Canada, inviting them to work together in a spirit of high responsibility to stop the current dangerous course of international events and to promote resolutely a policy of détente, disarmament, co-operation and peace.

The world has accumulated vast quantities of nuclear weapons which could destroy all mankind several times over and which go beyond all security requirements. The arms race, particularly the nuclear arms race, continues and is intensifying, thus increasing still further the threat of a new world war which would inevitably become a nuclear war and reduce the whole of civilization to nothing, the very conditions for existence and life on our planet. A particularly dangerous situation has been created in Europe as a result of the continued deployment of additional nuclear missiles. The danger of the arms race being extended to outer space is growing, and this could lead to an intensification of military competition, thus considerably increasing the danger of the outbreak of a devastating war.

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Under these circumstances, the basic problem of our time is to halt the arms race, above all the nuclear arms race, begin disarmament, eliminate the danger of a new world war and guarantee peace in the world. It is incumbent on all States, in particular States possessing nuclear weapons, to act in a fully responsible manner in order to implement real disarmament measures and eliminate the danger of a nuclear holocaust.

The Romanian people, like other peoples in Europe and throughout the world, welcomed the opening, on 12 March 1985, of negotiations between the Soviet Union and the United States of America on the question of nuclear and space weapons. However, the opening of negotiations does not of itself mean that any one of the particularly serious problems has been solved. What is now essential is to make every effort to ensure that the negotiations meet the expectations of peoples, that they lead to the conclusion of appropriate agreements on the cessation of the arms race, in the first place the nuclear arms race, and that they bring about the beginning of the reduction of nuclear weapons, until they are completely eliminated, and the cessation of the militarization of outer space.

The Grand National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Romania appeals to the Supreme Soviet of the Soviet Union and the Congress of the United States of America to make every effort to ensure that the Geneva negotiations take place in a constructive spirit of understanding and high responsibility for the security, peace and life of all peoples, proceeding from the need to avoid interruption of the negotiations and arrive at appropriate agreements through concessions on both sides.

The problems being dealt with in the Soviet-American negotiations are extremely important to the fate of all mankind. In view of the ultimate responsibility which we, the parliaments, have towards our people, their lives and the cause of peace, the Grand National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Romania calls on all the parliaments of Europe and Canada to work in concert and to contribute in appropriate ways so that the Geneva negotiations will achieve, as soon as possible, concrete results in accordance with the interests and aspirations of the nations of the world.

The Grand National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Romania also calls on the Congress of the United States of America and the Supreme Soviet of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to discontinue, during the Geneva negotiations, the testing and production of additional nuclear weapons, the deployment of United States medium-range missiles in Europe and the implementation of the nuclear countermeasures announced by the Soviet Union, and to stop all actions aimed at militarizing outer space.

The adoption of such measures would help establish a climate of confidence which would be favourable to the conduct and successful conclusion of the negotiations. There is no reason to continue, during the negotiations, to produce and deploy more nuclear weapons, since the purpose of these talks is to initiate a sharp reduction in nuclear weapons leading to their complete elimination from Europe and the world.

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In view of the grave situation which has arisen in Europe as a result of the large concentration of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction, the conclusion of agreements to ensure the withdrawal of existing nuclear missiles from the continent, the freeing of the European continent from all nuclear weapons, should have priority in the negotiations.

At the same time, since the issue of nuclear weapons and the militarization of outer space concerns all States of the world in equal measure, the other States, too, must participate more actively in the effort to reach agreements which will eliminate the nuclear threat on Earth and in space.

To this end, the Grand National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Romania calls upon the parliaments and Governments of the European countries to act vigorously, to assume greater responsibility and to contribute to the successful conduct of the Soviet-American negotiations, to the conclusion of appropriate nuclear-arms agreements and to the renunciation of any plan to militarize outer space.

In particular, we appeal to the parliaments and Governments of the European countries in whose territories medium-range missiles have been deployed and the bulk of nuclear weapons is concentrated to make a firm effort to arrive, in the framework of the Geneva negotiations, at an agreement on the discontinuation of the deployment of additional nuclear missiles on the European continent and the withdrawal of all nuclear weapons, bearing in mind their responsibility for the fate of their peoples and for peace in Europe and the world.

For the same reason, we feel that it is necessary for the member countries of the Warsaw Pact and the member countries of NATO to meet and discuss the drawing up of appropriate agreements which would lead to the elimination of medium-range missiles and other nuclear weapons from Europe.

The Grand National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Romania considers that, together with the Soviet-United States negotiations at Geneva, activities in international bodies and conferences devoted to disarmament should be intensified.

The Grand National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Romania calls on the parliaments and Governments of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America, all the European countries and Canada to take concerted action, in a constructive spirit, for the success of the Stockholm Conference on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures and Disarmament, for the earliest possible conclusion of an agreement in the framework of the Vienna Talks on Mutual Reductions of Forces, Armaments and Associated Measures in Central Europe and for the starting of effective negotiations within the framework of the Geneva Conference on Disarmament. The conclusion of appropriate agreements by these international conferences and bodies would be of great importance in building confidence and developing co-operation, would provide a new impetus to all activities aimed at the relaxation of international tension and disarmament, and would provide a strong stimulus to the successful conduct of the negotiations between the Soviet Union and the United States of America.

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We call on all parliaments and Governments and all States to make every effort - irrespective of any differences in social systems or philosophical beliefs - to halt the arms race and eliminate the danger of a nuclear holocaust, so as to defend the supreme right of peoples to existence, free and independent development and peace.

We strongly believe that by working together, with responsibility and in a constructive spirit, we can change the course of events, promote the relaxation of international tension and put into effect a policy of détente and disarmament, co-operation, understanding and peace.

The Grand National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Romania, reflecting the Romanian people's will and aspirations for peace, expresses its determination to act tirelessly, along with the parliaments of all the European countries, the United States and Canada, to help stop the arms race, achieve disarmament, promote the success of the Soviet-American negotiations at Geneva, free mankind from the threat of a nuclear holocaust, and advance the cause of peace, détente, security and broad international co-operation.

This appeal was adopted unanimously by the Grand National Assembly at its meeting on 29 March 1985.
