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LETTER DATED 29 MARCH 1962 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF ROMANIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE ACTING  
SECRETARY-GENERAL

In reply to your letter P.O. 130 dated 2 January 1962, I have the honour to forward herewith the letter from Mr. Corneliu Manescu, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Romanian People's Republic, setting forth the view of the Romanian Government with respect to the convening of an international conference for signing a convention on the prohibition of the use of nuclear weapons, in conformity with General Assembly resolution 1653 (XVI).

I should be glad if you would be good enough to arrange for the text of this letter to be circulated as an official document of the United Nations.

(Signed) Prof. Mihail HASEGANU  
Permanent Representative of Romania  
to the United Nations

ROMANIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC  
PERMANENT MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

26 March 1962

Sir,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter PO 130 dated 2 January 1962 concerning the convening, in conformity with resolution 1653 (XVI), of an international conference for signing a convention on the prohibition of the use of nuclear weapons and on behalf of the Romanian Government I have the honour to state the following.

The adoption by the General Assembly of resolution 1653 (XVI), in favour of which the delegation of the Romanian People's Republic voted, represents a positive step towards the settlement of a question that is vital to mankind and it responds to the desire of the peoples to remove for all times the danger of a devastating nuclear war. The use of weapons of mass destruction, such as nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons, would clearly constitute a violation of the spirit, letter and aims of the United Nations Charter and of the rules of international law, and would amount to a war against mankind.

The prohibition of the use of atomic weapons by all States would correspond to the highest degree to the basic interests of peoples and would help to resolve the question of general and complete disarmament.

In accordance with these principles, the Romanian Government particularly welcomed resolution 1653 (XVI), which spoke out against the use of nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons.

The Romanian Government considers it possible and necessary to convene a special conference for signing a convention on the prohibition of the use of nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons for war purposes, as referred to in resolution 1653 (XVI).

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) Corneliu MANESCU  
Minister for Foreign Affairs

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