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Letter dated 21 January 1992 from the Permanent
Representative of Belarus to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the text of the Declaration of 11 January 1992 by the Supreme Soviet of the Republic of Belarus "On the armed forces of the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics" (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and of its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under the agenda item entitled "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security".

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ANNEX

Declaration of the Supreme Soviet of the Republic of
Belarus on the armed forces of the former Union of
Soviet Socialist Republics

The Supreme Soviet of the Republic of Belarus expresses its profound concern that the process of resolving questions concerning the fate of the armed forces of the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics has recently acquired a non-constructive, dangerous character and is transcending the limits of the agreements on this matter between the States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States. This development could have extremely undesirable results and threatens to move in the direction of violent confrontation between individual States.

In this connection, the Supreme Soviet of the Republic of Belarus declares that:

1. In the question of the fate of the armed forces of the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics there must be no alternative to the negotiating process, and the negotiations must be conducted strictly within the limits of the relevant agreements between the leaders of the States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

2. Respecting the rights of the States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States to independent military policies and affirming its own aspiration to create an independent, neutral and non-nuclear State, the Supreme Soviet of the Republic of Belarus calls upon the States constituting the Commonwealth of Independent States to proceed urgently to negotiations on the fate of the armed forces of the former USSR.

The Supreme Soviet of the Republic of Belarus calls upon the supreme soviets of Russia and Ukraine, as well as on the leaders of those States, to refrain, during the negotiations, from any unilateral actions capable of destabilizing the situation.

Should this negotiating process break down, the Supreme Soviet of the Republic of Belarus reserves the right to take decisions, on a unilateral basis, on the implementation of the military policy of the Republic of Belarus.

Supreme Soviet of the Republic of Belarus
11 January 1992
Minsk
