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Letter dated 21 July 1975 from the Permanent Representatives of
the Philippines and Romania to the United Nations addressed to
the Secretary-General

On instructions of our respective Governments, we have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the Solemn Joint Declaration of the President of the Philippines, H.E. Ferdinand E. Marcos, and of the President of the Socialist Republic of Romania, H.E. Nicolae Ceausescu, signed in Manila, on 12 April 1975.

We would be grateful if Your Excellency could cause this letter and the text of the Solemn Joint Declaration to be issued as an official document of the General Assembly - under item 50 of the provisional agenda of the thirtieth session - and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Solemn Joint Declaration of the President of the Philippines
and the President of the Socialist Republic of Romania

The President of the Philippines, H.E. Ferdinand E. Marcos, and the President of the Socialist Republic of Romania, H.E. Nicolae Ceausescu,

Having met in an atmosphere of warm friendship and cordiality, which provided the opportunity for a constructive and comprehensive exchange of views,

Considering the rapid development of Philippine-Romanian relations and the principal international problems of common concern in a spirit of mutual understanding, esteem and co-operation,

Underlining the importance of the strict observance of the universally accepted principles of international law by all nations in their mutual relations,

Desiring to strengthen the bonds of friendship and co-operation, to increase the support of the two countries to the cause of peace and security in Asia, Europe and in the whole world, and to contribute towards the development of co-operation of all States.

Confirming anew the importance they attach to the objectives and principles of the United Nations Charter which expresses the will of the people to live in peace, in a spirit of good neighborliness and friendship among all nations and to promote their economic and social progress,

Being fully aware of the responsibility devolving on all States - big, medium-sized or small - irrespective of their geographical position, development level or political, economic and social system, for achieving international peace and security, for promoting relations of friendship, mutual understanding and co-operation between all countries and peoples,

Realizing the fact that increasing efforts will have to be made on the national and international levels to ensure a more speedy progress of the developing countries in order to bridge the gap between these countries and the developed nations and to establish a new international political and economic order,

Reaffirming the importance they attach to the development strategy proclaimed by the United Nations,

Recalling their firm belief that universal peace is indivisible, that international law is universal,

Agree on the following Solemn Declaration:

I

The two Presidents solemnly affirm that the relations of the Republic of the Philippines and the Socialist Republic of Romania as well as their relations with other States are founded on the principles of international law and the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter, and especially on the following interrelated principles:

- the right of each State to existence, national independence, sovereignty and juridical equality;
- the inalienable right of each State to choose freely and develop its political, social, economic and cultural system without outside interference;
- fully equal rights of all States, irrespective of their size, level of development, and political, economic or social systems;
- the inalienable right of each State to exercise full sovereignty over its natural wealth and all other resources;
- the right of each State to enter into economic co-operation with other States, based on common interest and mutual benefit;
- the duty of all States not to interfere, under any form or pretext, in the internal or external affairs of any other State;
- the duty of States to refrain in their international relations from resorting to the threat of force or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any other State, and to refrain from any coercion of military, political, economic or other nature;
- the inherent right of each State to legitimate individual or collective self-defence, in keeping with Article 51 of the United Nations Charter;
- the duty of all States to solve their differences through peaceful means only, to promote good neighbour relations with other States and to promote direct negotiations as a most appropriate means to settle international issues;
- the right of each State to participate on an equal footing in the consideration and settlement of the international issues of common concern, as well as the right and obligation of States, irrespective of their political and social systems to co-operate among themselves in maintaining international peace and security;
- the duty of every State to fulfill in good faith the commitments undertaken in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, with the universally

recognized principles and rules of international law and with the international agreements which are valid on the basis of those principles and rules.

The fundamental principles listed above are connected with one another and each of them should be interpreted in the context of the other principles. The two Presidents urge on all States the strict observance of these principles in their relations with one another.

II

The two Presidents solemnly state the common determination of their two countries:

- to develop, on a mutually advantageous basis, bilateral economic co-operation in various fields, expand their commercial relations, and to improve the methods and instruments by which they are conducted;
- to take measures to encourage the expansion of industrial, scientific and technical co-operation;
- to broaden and deepen the friendly relations between the Filipino and Romanian peoples, by creating conditions for better mutual knowledge of their spiritual and material values;
- to intensify and enlarge the bilateral political and diplomatic co-operation between the Philippines and Romania, inside and outside the international organizations;
- to consult and whenever appropriate to support each other's position in the efforts of the international community to improve the present situation of the developing countries in world economic relations.

III

The two Presidents solemnly state the will and determination of their two nations to act firmly and consistently:

- to co-operate in friendship with all other nations for the effective establishment of peace, security and understanding in Europe, in Asia and all over the world, to achieve a better and more just world;
- to contribute, together with the other nations, towards the achievement of concrete and effective measures of general disarmament, primarily nuclear disarmament, in the interest of strengthening international peace and security;

- to actively participate in international negotiations leading to the just settlement of the complex issues of the international economic situation;
- to work for the adoption of measures which will enable all States to have access on an equitable basis to the benefits of modern science and technology, as well as to the sources of raw materials and energy, in order to bridge the gap between developing and developed countries;
- to act for the strengthening of the role of the United Nations in the maintenance and consolidation of international peace, the promotion of the norms of international law in the relations among States and the development of international co-operation among all nations.

IV

The two Presidents, on behalf of their two developing countries and their respective peoples, call on all other States:

- to exert all efforts to eliminate completely the use of force in international relations and to resort only to peaceful means in settling international issues;
- to refrain from any and all forms of coercion aimed against the independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of other States;
- to adhere strictly to the principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of other States;
- to promote a new era of peace and justice based on the strict observance of the universally accepted principles of international law;
- to press for the establishment of a new international political and economic order, based on the full equality of rights of all nations.

V

With a view to implementing the provisions of the present Solemn Declaration, the two Presidents proclaim their intention to hold continuing discussions at various levels through normal diplomatic channels, exchange visits and periodic meetings between their countries' representatives.

Done in Manila, Philippines, this 12th day of April 1975, in Pilipino, Romanian and English, in two originals each, all having equal validity and force.

Ferdinand E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

Nicolae CEAUSESCU
President of the Socialist
Republic of Romania