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REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM IN THE
AGENDA OF THE TENTH REGULAR SESSION: ITEM PROPOSED BY
THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

MEASURES FOR THE FURTHER RELAXATION OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION AND
DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION

Letter dated 25 September 1955 addressed to the President of the
General Assembly by the Chairman of the delegation of the Union
of Soviet Socialist Republics

New York, 25 September 1955

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith, in accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, an explanatory memorandum on the proposal of the USSR delegation concerning "Measures for the Further Relaxation of International Tension and Development of International Co-operation".

I should be most grateful if you would arrange to have the attached explanatory memorandum circulated as a document of the General Assembly.

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to the tenth session of the General
Assembly

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Explanatory Memorandum

All the nations are vitally interested in being able to live in peace and tranquillity, so that they may devote their efforts to peaceful and constructive labour and to increasing their well-being. These aspirations of the peoples of the world now constitute the most fundamental trends of international life.

The existence of tension in international relations has long hampered the development of co-operation among States and the elimination of mistrust in relations between them. Recent events have shown that substantial changes have taken place in the international situation which should contribute to lessening of tension in relations between States. These events have also confirmed the necessity of seeking the settlement of the whole problem of strengthening peace and international security by means of the joint efforts of all States, great and small.

In this connexion, it seems necessary to stress the significance of such efforts on the part of the Great Powers, which possess the largest military and material resources and which bear a special responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security.

The most important international event of recent times has been the Geneva Conference of the Heads of the Governments of the USSR, the United States, the United Kingdom and France, which has had a profound effect on the international situation. The principal significance of the Geneva Conference lies in the fact that the leading statesmen at that Conference expressed the determination of their respective Governments to bend their efforts to freeing the nations from the fear of a new war.

All the participants in the Conference introduced important proposals on the problem of disarmament, in the settlement of which the peoples of the whole world are vitally interested.

Another important recent international event was the Bandung Conference, in which twenty-nine Asian and African States took part and at which the role of such States as the People's Republic of China, India and Indonesia was especially evident. The convening of the Bandung Conference and its decisions represent an important international event, which serves also as proof that where there is goodwill co-operation between countries with different governmental and social structures is fully possible.

Thus, recent events, especially the Geneva Conference of the Heads of Government of the Four Powers and the historical Conference of the Asian and African States at Bandung, open up great opportunities for the further relaxation of international tension, the cessation of the cold war and ensuring the security of nations.

It is the duty of the United Nations, whose tasks include the preparation of a plan for the substantial reduction of armaments and the prohibition of nuclear weapons by the establishment of strict control, to consider carefully all the proposals submitted at the Geneva Conference and any relevant plans submitted by other States.

In the interests of strengthening peace and international security, the Soviet Government considers it advisable for the General Assembly to include in its agenda for the tenth session and to consider the question of "Measures for the Further Relaxation of International Tension and Development of International Co-operation".
