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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE STRENGTHENING
OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Letter dated 18 July 1977 from the Permanent Representatives of the
German Democratic Republic and Romania to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to bring to your attention the text of the Declaration on Deepening Friendship and Developing Fraternal Co-operation between the Socialist Unity Party of Germany and the Romanian Communist Party, between the German Democratic Republic and the Socialist Republic of Romania, signed in Berlin on 10 June 1977 by Erich Honecker, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany and Chairman of the Council of State of the German Democratic Republic, and Nicolae Ceausescu, General Secretary of the Romanian Communist Party and President of the Socialist Republic of Romania.

We should be grateful if you would arrange for the text of the aforementioned Declaration to be distributed as an official document of the General Assembly under item 50 of the preliminary list.

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ANNEX

Declaration on Deepening Friendship and Developing Fraternal
Co-operation between the Socialist Unity Party of Germany and
the Romanian Communist Party, between the German Democratic
Republic and the Socialist Republic of Romania.

Following negotiations between Party and State delegations of the German Democratic Republic and the Socialist Republic of Romania in Berlin from 8 to 10 June, the Socialist Unity Party of Germany and the Romanian Communist Party, the German Democratic Republic and the Socialist Republic of Romania, proceeding from the fact that the friendly relations and brotherly cooperation between both states and peoples have developed well under the leadership of the two countries' working class and their Marxist-Leninist parties, in accordance with the Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance signed on 12 May 1972;

Guided by the resolutions of the 9th Congress of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany and the 11th Congress of the Romanian Communist Party;

Noting with satisfaction that in the course of building the advanced socialist society ever more mutualities and forms of cooperation in all spheres of political, economic, social, intellectual and cultural life have been evolving between the peoples of the two countries;

Firmly resolved to consolidate the friendship and cooperation with the socialist countries, to work towards the development of cooperation within the Warsaw Treaty and the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance;

Endorsing their determination to develop their friendly relations with the developing countries, with the non-aligned countries and to cooperate with all states irrespective of their social systems, on the basis of the principles of peaceful coexistence;

Expressing the will of their peoples to go on actively contributing to the consolidation of peace and security in Europe and the world, to bringing about general and complete disarmament, in the first instance nuclear disarmament, to the elimination of imperialist, colonialist and neo-colonialist policies, to the implementation of every nation's right to freely choose the road of its economic and social development and to the transformation of international economic relations on a just and democratic footing, on the basis of equal rights of all states;

Imbued with the desire to consolidate and deepen the fraternal relations between the Socialist Unity Party of Germany and the Romanian Communist Party, between the German Democratic Republic and the Socialist Republic of Romania on the basis of the principles of Marxism-Leninism, independence and sovereignty, equality and non-interference in the internal affairs, mutual advantage, comradely assistance and internationalist solidarity, and confident that this will serve the vital interests of the peoples of the two countries and help strengthen socialism and safeguard peace,

Have agreed to declare as follows:

I

Close cooperation between the Socialist Unity Party of Germany and the Romanian Communist Party forms the heart of the universal development of relations between the German Democratic Republic and the Socialist Republic of Romania and their peoples.

Of outstanding importance for the development and deepening of the friendly and brotherly cooperation between the two parties, states and peoples are the meetings between Erich Honecker, General Secretary of the CC of the SED and Chairman of the GDR State Council, and Nicolae Ceausescu, General Secretary of the RCP and President of Romania, and the agreements concluded on these occasions on expanding and reinforcing bilateral relations in all spheres.

The two parties are firmly resolved to go on constantly developing their cooperation on the basis of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism, of equality, in the spirit of mutual trust and respect in conformity with the interests of both peoples, and those of socialism and peace.

Both parties will systematically and effectively develop their contacts and exchanges of views on bilateral and international questions of mutual interest and on questions pertaining to the shaping of the advanced socialist society and cooperation in the ideological sphere and direct relations between regional branches of the SED and the RCP. They support cooperation between the GDR's National Front and Socialist Unity Front of Romania, between trade unions, womens' and youth associations and other public and mass organisations of the two countries.

The conclusion of the Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance between the GDR and the SRR inaugurated a higher stage in cooperation and led to the continual strengthening of their relations in all fields. The GDR and Romania consider it necessary to carry on their active exchange of information and consultations on the development of bilateral relations and on current international problems and to encourage cooperation in science and culture, education, public health, tourism and sports and to expand direct cooperation between artists' and professional organisations of the two countries.

Both sides have charged the competent bodies with preparing a new treaty on legal assistance in civil, family and criminal cases, a new agreement on cultural and scientific cooperation and with preparing the establishment of a joint government commission on cultural cooperation and the forming of a joint commission of historians.

II

The German Democratic Republic and the Socialist Republic of Romania are satisfied to state that their economic and scientific-technological cooperation has continually developed in the spirit of the resolutions of the 9th SED Congress and the 11th RCP Congress and in line with the joint top-level decisions.

The coordination of plans for the 1976-80 period has created essential prerequisites for steadily extending economic and scientific-technological relations of the two countries. This has been reflected in the dynamic development of trade which is to a growing extent based on the division of labour. The 1976-80 long-term trade agreement provides the conditions for a major increase in goods exchange as compared with the previous five-year period. One quarter of envisaged mutual supplies are goods put out on the basis of arrangements on specialisation and cooperation.

The GDR and Romania hold that the central planning bodies and the Joint Government Commission on Economic Cooperation have been making a significant contribution to the all-round development of the two countries' economic relations.

Both sides underline that the constant advance of cooperation between them on the basis of their growing economic and scientific potentialities contributes to the implementation of the CMEA comprehensive programme for the continued deepening and perfection of cooperation and the development of socialist economic integration and thus to the universal consolidation of the CMEA countries and the gradual approximation and eventual similarity of the levels of their economic development. At the same time, the GDR and Romania will also reinforce their economic, scientific and technical cooperation with the other socialist countries.

The competent authorities of the GDR and Romania have been set the task to develop and perfect scientific-technological and economic cooperation especially by way of deepening cooperation and specialisation in research, development and production in tune with the interests of developing the two countries' economics and further improving the material and cultural living standards. This applies particularly to mechanical and electrical engineering, the electronics industry, notably to machine tools, road and rail vehicles, metallurgical equipment, ships, electric machines, to communications engineering, to data processing and office machinery, precision mechanical and optical goods and to the expansion of existing long-term agreements in the chemical and metallurgical industries, notably regarding cooperation and mutual supplies of selected basic materials.

The central planning authorities will be charged with holding consultations on shaping economic relations for the period from 1980 onwards in cooperation with the ministries and economic management organs.

Both delegations reaffirmed the determination of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany and the Romanian Communist Party, of the GDR and the Socialist Republic of Romania to ensure the steady and comprehensive development of the two countries'

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friendship and cooperation, the consolidation of mutual solidarity in keeping with the vital interests of the GDR and Romanian peoples and the promotion of their growing togetherness, the cause of socialism, peace and international understanding.

III

The Party and State delegations of the German Democratic Republic and the Socialist Republic of Romania noted with satisfaction that, thanks to the growing power of the socialist countries, to their intensive work for safeguarding peace and security of nations and owing to the important contribution of the developing countries and non-aligned states, of all revolutionary, democratic and anti-imperialist forces, profound, revolutionary transformations have been underway, which led to thorough changes in the international relationship of forces in favour of peace and socialism. In the wake of these revolutionary changes the policy of détente, trust and equality-based cooperation among nations has growingly asserted itself.

The GDR and Romania value the positive results accomplished in implementing the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, which will have to be comprehensively consolidated and extended. Together with all countries which participated in the Conference, they will work towards the conscientious observance and consistent application of the principles and recommendations of the Final Act which form an indivisible whole.

Both sides state their determination to actively contribute to the success of the Belgrade meeting of representatives of the states which participated in the all-European conference. This meeting should serve to carry on the efforts for strengthening security and developing cooperation on our continent and give fresh and strong impetus to the practical implementation of the noble objectives agreed on in Helsinki.

The GDR and Romania advocate broad and unrestricted development of cooperation among all states of the continent on the basis of equality and mutual advantage. They favour the conclusion of bilateral and multilateral agreements between states suited to advance the further materialisation of the Final Act.

Both states underscore the fundamental importance of the declaration adopted at the November 1976 Bucharest meeting of the Political Consultative Committee of the Warsaw Treaty member states. This declaration has been a valuable contribution to the struggle for peace and international détente, for the consolidation of security and the development of mutually beneficial cooperation in Europe and the world. If implemented, the proposals contained in the declaration for ending the arms race and bringing about disarmament, the suggested pledge by all signatory states to the Helsinki Final Act not to be the first to use nuclear weapons against one another, the proposed measures for overcoming the division of Europe into military groupings confronting each other, would help consolidate peace and security on our continent and advance the recovery of the international situation in general.

The GDR and Romania support the Soviet proposals for convening European conferences on environmental protection, transport and energy. They voice their interest in holding similar conferences on all-European cooperation in other fields.

The GDR and Romania will multiply their endeavours for further advancing the process of international détente, making it enduring and irreversible and extending it to all regions of the world and all spheres of international relations.

Both sides strongly condemn the attempts of reactionary, neo-fascist, militarist and revanchist quarters at poisoning the international political atmosphere, sowing dissent among nations, calling into question the sovereignty of states, their territorial integrity and the inviolability of frontiers and eroding the materialisation of the Final Act of Helsinki. They emphatically reject all actions staged by such forces for interfering in the internal affairs of other states.

Together with other socialist countries, with all anti-imperialist, peace-loving, democratic and progressive forces, the German Democratic Republic and the Socialist Republic of Romania firmly stand for the consolidation of the process of strengthening international security and détente, for the consistent materialisation of all principles of relations between states laid down in the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

They reiterate their conviction that the strict observance and full implementation of the 3 September 1971 Quadripartite Agreement and the abandoning of all attempts at violating the special status of West Berlin are prerequisites for turning this city into a constructive factor of European cooperation. In this context they reaffirm their resolution to maintain and develop multifarious relations with West Berlin.

Both sides hold that the process of détente and peace will not be consolidated and real security not be feasible unless the arms race is halted and concrete and effective measures of military détente and disarmament are adopted. Transition to effective steps along the road of general and complete disarmament, notably nuclear disarmament, has been one of the most pressing tasks of the present time.

Both states call for an end to the arms race and for effective moves of disarmament. In this context they urge measures for discontinuing the nuclear arms race, in particular the comprehensive and general prohibition of nuclear weapon tests and the reduction and liquidation of nuclear weapons. They attach great importance to the prohibition of the development of new types of mass destruction weapons and systems of such weapons and to the conclusion of agreements on the reduction of military budgets and armed forces of states. Both sides advocate the destruction of chemical weapons.

The GDR and the SRR welcome the resolution on the convocation of a UN General Assembly special session on disarmament and hope that this session will produce progress on the road towards disarmament and facilitate the calling of a world disarmament conference.

Both sides deem it necessary that additional measures are taken for asserting the principles of the renunciation of the use of force or threat of force in the settlement of disputes between states. This aim could be furthered by the conclusion of a world treaty on the renunciation of the use of force in international relations.

The German Democratic Republic and Romania express their hope that the Vienna talks on the reduction of armed forces and armaments in Central Europe will yield an agreement on the basis of the principle of undiminished security of all parties involved and under observance of the security interests of all states in Europe.

Both sides believe that the only feasible way to just and enduring peace in the Middle East leads via the complete withdrawal of the Israeli forces from all Arab territories occupied in 1967, via the safeguarding of the inalienable rights of the Arab people of Palestine including its right to self-determination until the foundation of an independent Palestinian state and the creation of international guarantees ensuring the independent existence and security of all states of this region. They advocate the resumption of the Geneva Middle East Conference with all sides concerned including the Palestine Liberation Organisation taking part on an equal footing.

The representatives of the GDR and Romania emphasised the historic impact of the victories of the peoples of Indochina over imperialist intervention and internal reaction and their contribution to strengthening the forces of socialism, peace and national liberation movement.

Both sides renew their pledge of support and solidarity for the peoples of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Democratic Kampuchea. They advocate the admission to the United Nations of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

The GDR and Romania support the demand of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for a peaceful solution to the Korean question without interference from outside and in conformity with the legitimate aspirations of the Korean people.

Both states are firmly resolved to strengthen their cooperation and solidarity with the peoples fighting against imperialism, colonialism, neo-colonialism and racism, for consolidating national independence, for peace and social progress.

They will continue to support the just struggle of the peoples of Zimbabwe, Namibia and South Africa for national liberation and social progress, against colonialism, apartheid and racial discrimination and against imperialist aggression.

The German Democratic Republic and the Socialist Republic of Romania support the developing countries' struggle for removing discriminatory economic relations forced upon them by imperialism, colonialism and neo-colonialism, for the implementation of every people's right to control its national resources and for reshaping international economic relations on a just and democratic basis. In their

view the demand of the developing countries for establishing a new international economic order expresses the legitimate endeavour of these countries to put an end to colonialism and neo-colonialism in economic relations, remove the existing gap between the developed countries and the developing countries and ensure an accelerated development of these countries and their access to the achievements of modern science and technology. Both sides hailed the positive role of the non-aligned countries in international relations, in the struggle for peace, security and peaceful coexistence.

The GDR and Romania hold that the role and efficiency of the United Nations should be strengthened in safeguarding peace and international security, developing cooperation among states and solving major international problems in accordance with the principles and aims of the UN Charter and with the cooperation of all states.

IV

The Socialist Unity Party of Germany and the Romanian Communist Party restate their firm resolution to work towards the constant strengthening of the unity of the communist and workers' parties on the basis of the Marxist-Leninist principles of internationalist solidarity, comradely cooperation and mutual support, with undiminished respect for independence and equality and non-interference in internal affairs and for every party's right to independently chalk out its policies and freely choose the road of social transformation matching best the specific conditions under which it is working. Proceeding from the increasing role of the communist and workers' parties in organising and steering the revolutionary battles for transforming human society, they are aware of the necessity of developing and deepening the constructive exchange of views on the basis of mutual trust and respect in the interests of strengthening the influence of every party and the movement as a whole.

In this context, the SED and the RCP underscored the far-reaching importance of the Berlin Conference of Communist and Workers' Parties of Europe for pooling the efforts of the communist parties and all progressive forces in the struggle for peace, security, cooperation and social progress. This conference reconfirmed the weighty role the communists have played in the struggle for implementing and guarding the basic interests of the working people. Both parties will work consistently for the implementation of the principles and objectives specified in the document of the Berlin Conference and conforming with the interests of all nations of Europe and the whole world.

The Socialist Unity Party of Germany and the Romanian Communist Party agree in their view that now more than any time before it is urgent for all progressive forces to unite in the struggle for peace, security, cooperation and social progress. Therefore they advocate the reinforcement of international solidarity and cooperation with all progressive, anti-imperialist forces of the world and reiterate their preparedness to make their contribution to equality-based

cooperation in this struggle with all democratic forces, especially with the socialist and social democratic parties.

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The Socialist Unity Party of Germany and the Romanian Communist Party, the German Democratic Republic and the Socialist Republic of Romania state their firm confidence that the official visit of friendship to the GDR of the Party and State delegation of the SRR, the talks conducted on this occasion between the General Secretary of the CC of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany and Chairman of the GDR Council of State and the General Secretary of the Romanian Communist Party and President of the Socialist Republic of Romania and the negotiations held, will form a fresh and weighty contribution to the constant consolidation of the inviolable friendship and the development of the fraternal cooperation between the two parties and states in the interests of both peoples and those of the consolidation of the unity and cohesion of the socialist states, of socialism and peace in the world.

Done in Berlin on 10 June 1977

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