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GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT

Letter dated 13 February 1979 from the Permanent Representative of
the German Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed to
the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the "Appeal of the special session of the World Peace Council" (annex I) and the "Call to the five nuclear Powers" (annex II), adopted at the special session of the World Peace Council held at Berlin from 2 to 5 February 1979.

I should be grateful if you would have these distributed as a document of the General Assembly under the items entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security", "Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session" and "General and complete disarmament".

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ANNEX I

Appeal of the Special Session of the World Peace Council
held at Berlin from 2 to 5 February 1979

Stop the arms race!

Nations of the world! Peoples of the entire planet!

Human reason, concern for the destiny of civilization and of the future of humanity imperatively demand that we all together solve the most urgent task:
TO STOP THE ARMS RACE!

The production of the means of mass destruction has assumed such a monstrous scope and such a dangerous escalation that it risks getting out of any possible control and bringing humanity to the brink of a nuclear calamity.

TO STOP THE ARMS RACE! It means to take a real and decisive step towards general and complete disarmament, this guarantee of a lasting peace.

TO STOP THE ARMS RACE! It means to carry on, to strengthen and to open up new vistas before the policy of détente.

TO STOP THE ARMS RACE! This is the chief demand of the present stage of the struggle for peace.

Ever greater popular masses and peace forces have been rallying together under this demand. Their will has been embodied in the convocation for the first time in United Nations history of the special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament. In accordance with this demand, many constructive proposals and ideas have been advanced by a number of Governments of socialist, non-aligned and other peace-loving countries, political parties and non-governmental organizations as well as by different personalities.

A real possibility exists to start immediately practical limitation and termination of the arms race. To make this possibility feasible, peoples should act ever more vigorously, ever more resolutely and ever more purposefully, in order to overcome the resistance of those who benefit from the arms race and sabotage measures to stop it.

Never before have peace forces been so numerous and powerful. They are in a position to thwart the conspiracy of the imperialist circles, aided by a large part of the press, which try to curb détente under the pretext of "Soviet military threat", which they often used in the past.

They should demand that NATO countries renounce their decision to further increase their military potential and budgets, which provokes new acceleration of the arms race. They should prevent the production of neutron weapons and their introduction in NATO arsenals.

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The peace-loving forces share a great anxiety over the refusal by the leaders of the People's Republic of China to participate in the working out and in the adoption of concrete measures to halt the arms race as well as over the support extended by them to the most reactionary forces, in particular in Chile, Iran and South Africa. This attitude which is also linked with the proclamations on the inevitability of war harms gravely the interests of détente and of peace.

The World Peace Council calls upon all those who strive for peace and are ready to make their practical contribution to secure it to launch a powerful and vigorous movement to end the arms race.

Through holding mass rallies, manifestations and marches, by sending petitions, protests and demands to parliaments and Governments, organizing national and international meetings of peace forces, and using all available forms and methods of expressing the peaceful aspirations and will of nations, we shall concentrate our efforts to achieve the following major and urgent aims:

NO TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS!

Let us demand the earliest signing and enforcement of the USSR-United States agreement on the strategic arms limitation.

Let us demand that all five nuclear Powers - the USSR, the United States, Great Britain, France and China - start negotiations immediately with the aim of excluding nuclear weapons in all their varieties from their arsenals.

NO TO THE NEUTRON BOMB!

Let us expose militarists' manoeuvres aimed at deceiving public opinion and introducing neutron weapons in NATO arsenals. Let us demand the prohibition of the manufacture of all new types and systems of weapons of mass destruction.

WAR BUDGETS - NO! PEACE BUDGETS - YES!

Let us demand an end to the constant growth of expenditures for the aim of war, the reduction of the military budgets of the biggest States as to their military and economic potential, and above all of the permanent members of the United Nations Security Council. The resources thus released should be used to raise the living standards of peoples, to render assistance to developing countries, and to abolish hunger, poverty, diseases and illiteracy.

To stop the arms race, to achieve disarmament and to secure peace is our common concern.

Let us act resolutely under the slogan:

For the sake of life - Away with the weapons of mass destruction!
STOP THE ARMS RACE!

ANNEX II

CALL to the five nuclear Powers

It is high time to put an end to the production and stockpiling of nuclear weapons which are today fraught with a deadly threat to peace and to the destinies of world civilization. Being aware as we are of the tragedy of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, we deem it imperative to ban the use of nuclear weapons so that mankind should be rid of this menace once and for all.

This is demanded by the peoples. Embodied therein should be the supreme statesmanly wisdom of the leaders of all nations and their concern for the weal of the peoples.

We call on all the five nuclear Powers: the United States, the USSR, Great Britain, France and the People's Republic of China, which bear special responsibility for the safeguarding of peace, to start without further delay negotiations to ban all nuclear weapons from the military arsenals!

We are fully resolved to achieve this objective.
