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REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE
STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Letter dated 2 April 1980 from the Permanent Representative of Romania
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to bring to your attention the appeal of the Grand National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Romania to all parliaments and peoples of the countries participating in the Helsinki All-European Conference.

On instructions from my Government, I should be grateful if you could have the text of the above-mentioned appeal circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under items 44 and 50 of the preliminary list.

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APPEAL OF THE GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA TO ALL
PARLIAMENTS AND PEOPLES OF THE COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING
IN THE HELSINKI ALL-EUROPEAN CONFERENCE

The Grand National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Romania begins its new legislature in conditions of worsening international political situation, of worsening relations on a world plane.

Under these circumstances, the Grand National Assembly considers that the most urgent objective of international policy, the mission of highest responsibility of all advanced forces is the defence of peace and the independence of peoples, the safeguarding of the cause of détente. This requires the strengthening of the unity, solidarity and collaboration of all peoples willing to live free and independent, master of their own fate, in a climate of confidence and security.

Reality proves that a most important role is played in international political life by parliaments - representatives of the peoples' will, of the public opinion of each country, of their vital wish to live in peace and friendship in a better and more just world. The parliaments can exert a strong influence on governments, on politicians for the promotion of a policy in accordance with the will of the overwhelming majority of each country's population to put an end to the old policy of force and diktate, to resume and continue the course towards détente and collaboration.

Starting from these reasons and considering the fact that the achievement of security on our continent has a special importance in halting the worsening of international situation and in improving the world political climate, the Grand National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Romania addresses a warm appeal to the parliaments of all signatory States of the Helsinki Final Act to join

their efforts and act with determination and consistency for the implementation of the objectives commonly agreed upon at the All-European Conference, for turning Europe into a continent of collaboration and peace.

The Grand National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Romania calls on the European parliaments to co-operate for a thorough preparation of the Madrid meeting of next autumn and for securing its success so that it should mark a decisive step in the implementation of the Helsinki Final Act as a unitary whole.

To this purpose, we consider that collaboration has to be intensified among parliaments, among governments and parties, among politicians, all democratic forces with the view to passing to the adoption of concrete measures aimed at the strengthening of inter-European co-operation, the lessening of tension and the creation of a climate of real confidence among States. In this sense, we consider necessary the unhampered expansion of economic and technico-scientific co-operation by liquidating discriminatory practices and barriers, the expansion of cultural-artistic, touristic and other relations in the interest of each and every country, of the better mutual understanding and of the general progress.

The Grand National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Romania calls on the parliaments of the signatory-States of the Helsinki Final Act to give pride of place in their activity to the cause of primordial importance of military disengagement on our continent, of disarmament - without which peace cannot be conceived either in Europe or worldwide. Let us not forget that it is on our continent - which was the starting point of two devastating world wars - that is concentrated at present the largest and most sophisticated stockpiles of weapons ever known in history, that it is here that two opposed military blocs are facing each other and that all these most severely endanger the security and the very existence of peoples, brake their efforts for progress and wellbeing, jeopardize the general cause of peace on the whole planet. That is why, we consider that no effort is too big for the achievement of concrete progress, of real steps on the road towards disarmament.

Romania has tabled, on numerous occasions, including at the special session of the General Assembly, proposals meant to break the deadlock of this serious problem, to bring about the cessation of the arms race, nuclear arms race in the first place, a diminishing of military effectives and the reduction of military expenditures, the withdrawal of all troops to within national borders and the dismantlement of the military blocs. We believe that it would be particularly important to nullify or postpone the decision of deploying nuclear rockets in Europe and to start negotiations aimed at achieving a military balance on the continent by means of continuously diminishing the arms race instead of intensifying it. Let us make the achievements of science and technology, of the human genius serve not the production of destructive weapons but exclusively the progress and civilization, the wellbeing and peace of the peoples.

Events demonstrate that the decisive factor of halting the tension and of the continuation of international détente is the unflinching observance of each and every State's independence and sovereignty, of every people's right to decide by itself its fate, its socio-political development path, without any outside interference. Let us make Europe enjoy a genuinely new atmosphere, as envisaged by the principles of the Helsinki Agreement, in which every nation feel protected against any aggression or interference in internal affairs, and be able to devote its resources and energies to the economic and social development, to the peoples' wellbeing.

The attainment of this desideratum, in which parliaments can and must play an essential role, would have a tremendous positive influence on the improvement of the international political climate, on world détente and peace.

Aware of its responsibilities in this respect, and resolved to make its most active contribution to the achievement of European security, the Grand National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Romania set up at the first session of its new legislature a special Commission entrusted with the task of acting permanently, in co-operation with the parliaments of the other States, for the proper preparation of the Madrid meeting, for the implementation of the Helsinki Act.

Expressing the unflinching will of our entire people to live in peace and collaboration with all nations in Europe and the world over, the Grand National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Romania assures the parliaments and peoples of the participating countries of the Helsinki Conference that it shall spare no effort in order to contribute to the success of the Madrid Conference, to turning Europe into a continent of détente, security, collaboration and peace, in the interest of each and every nation, of the whole mankind.
