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Note verbale dated 25 June 1981 from the Permanent Mission
of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of Bulgaria to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to forward to him the Declaration of the General Assembly of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and to the academies of sciences and the national research institutions of the European countries.

The Bulgarian Mission would appreciate it if this Declaration is circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 55 of the preliminary list.

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ANNEX

TO
HIS EXCELLENCY DR. KURT WALDHEIM
SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS
TO
THE ACADEMIES OF SCIENCES AND THE NATIONAL
RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS OF THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

DECLARATION

OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE BULGARIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

AT THE 26TH CONGRESS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION LEONID ILICH BREZHNEV PROPOSED THE SETTING UP OF AN AUTHORITATIVE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE, COMPOSED OF MOST EMINENT SCIENTISTS FROM ALL COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD, WHICH WOULD POINT TO THE VITAL NECESSITY OF PREVENTING A NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST. THE BULGARIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OFFERS ITS UNRESERVED SUPPORT TO THIS PROPOSAL. THE SETTING UP OF SUCH AN INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE WILL HELP THE NATIONS REALIZE MORE CLEARLY THE DISASTROUS CONSEQUENCES FOR MANKIND OF A NUCLEAR WAR. THIS IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE PARTICULARLY NOW WHEN THERE IS A SERIOUS THREAT TO PEACE. THE GOVERNMENTS OF SOME OF THE BIG STATES DISREGARD THE FATE OF MANKIND. THE MILITARY BUDGETS IN THESE COUNTRIES INCREASE AT AN ALARMING RATE, THE ARMS RACE LEADS STEADILY STEP BY STEP THROUGH RECKLESS ESCALATION TO NUCLEAR CATASTROPHE.

THE SAFEGUARDING OF PEACE UNDER THE EXISTING CONDITIONS IN THE WORLD REQUIRES ACTIVE, CONSISTENT AND TOTAL STRUGGLE FOR PEACE. THE SETTING UP OF AN INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF SCIENTISTS, AS PROPOSED BY L. I. BREZHNEV, CAN SIGNIFICANTLY ASSIST IN THIS STRUGGLE. TO PREJUDICE, FRAUD, FEAR AND HATRED IT WILL OPPOSE THE PRESTIGE OF SCIENCE AND AUTHORITATIVE SCIENTIFIC CONCLUSIONS SO AS TO AROUSE PUBLIC OPINION IN THE WORLD. IN THIS WAY THE PEOPLES WILL BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND BETTER THAT A NUCLEAR WAR THREATENS

- NOT ISOLATED GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS BUT THE WHOLE PLANET;
- NOT PARTICULAR PEOPLES BUT MANKIND;
- NOT PARTICULAR CULTURAL VALUES BUT HUMAN CIVILIZATION.

IT IS IMPERATIVE TO KEEP PEOPLE INFORMED ABOUT THE DANGEROUS MOVES OF THE MILITARISTS, ABOUT EXCESSIVE ARMAMENT, ABOUT THE DESTRUCTIVE FORCE OF THE STOCK-PILED NUCLEAR WEAPONS DIRECTED AGAINST LIVING HUMAN BEINGS. IT IS IMPERATIVE TO UNMASK THE VICIOUS INSINUATIONS THAT NUCLEAR WAR IS NOT SO DANGEROUS AND THAT A "LIMITED" NUCLEAR WAR WHICH WOULD NOT THREATEN ALL MANKIND IS POSSIBLE. IT SHOULD BE IMPRESSED ON THE NATIONS WITH SUFFICIENT AUTHORITY THAT, WITH THE EXISTING ALIGNMENT OF FORCES IN THE WORLD, A "LIMITED" NUCLEAR WAR IS IMPOSSIBLE. IN A FUTURE WAR EACH NUCLEAR EXPLOSION WOULD INEVITABLY LEAD TO WORLD

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NUCLEAR EXPLOSION. THE NATIONS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT A NUCLEAR WAR WOULD OBLITERATE EUROPE FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH AND WOULD MEAN THOUSANDS OF HIROSHIMAS IN THE PLACES OF THE FLOURISHING TOWNS ON OUR CONTINENT.

THEREFORE, THE FORCES STAKING ON NUCLEAR WAR SHOULD MEET THE RESISTANCE AND POWER OF SCIENCE, SUPPORTED BY THE AUTHORITATIVE CONCLUSIONS OF THE PROGRESSIVE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY IN THE WORLD. THE DANGEROUS DOCTRINE THAT PEACE IS POSSIBLE ONLY WHEN SUPPORTED BY ARMAMENT SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO TRIUMPH. SCIENTISTS BEAR RESPONSIBILITY TO THEIR OWN CONSCIENCE, TO THE NATIONS AND TO HISTORY FOR THE SAFEGUARDING OF PEACE. BEING INVOLVED IN SCIENCE, THEY ARE BEST AWARE OF THE DISASTERS WHICH A NUCLEAR WAR WOULD BRING TO MANKIND. THEREFORE THEY SHOULD STRUGGLE AGAINST THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE WARMONGERS TO USE THE GREAT DISCOVERIES OF OUR CENTURY, ATTAINED AS A RESULT OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS, FOR DESTRUCTIVE PURPOSES. SCIENCE SHOULD SERVE THE WELFARE OF MANKIND, THE FLOURISHING OF CIVILIZATION AND THE TRIUMPH OF PEACE.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE BULGARIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES APPEALS TO THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION AND TO ALL ACADEMIES OF SCIENCES IN EUROPE TO SET UP AN INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF DISTINGUISHED AND AUTHORITATIVE SCIENTISTS WITH THE PURPOSE OF DEFENDING MANKIND FROM THE THREAT OF A NUCLEAR CATASTROPHE.

SI VIS PACEM PARA PACEM!

SOFIA, MAY 1981

ON BEHALF OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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