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

Note verbale dated 20 July 1981 from the Permanent Mission of Bulgaria
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of Bulgaria to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the Organization and has the honour to transmit to him herewith the declaration of the People's Assembly of the People's Republic of Bulgaria, dated 7 July 1981, in response to the appeal from the Supreme Soviet of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the parliaments and peoples of the world (A/36/347, annex).

The Bulgarian Mission would like to have this declaration distributed as an official document of the General Assembly under items 55 and 56 of the provisional agenda.

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ANNEX

Declaration of the People's Assembly of the People's Republic
of Bulgaria in response to the appeal from the Supreme Soviet
of the USSR to the parliaments and peoples of the world

The People's Assembly of the People's Republic of Bulgaria ardently supports and fully endorses the appeal from the Supreme Soviet of the USSR to the parliaments and peoples of the world.

The appeal is yet another cogent document of the peace-oriented Leninist foreign policy of the Soviet Union and the Programme of Peace adopted by the Twenty-sixth Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. It is an urgent appeal issued to the peoples in a world situation of growing political tension, provoked by aggressive imperialist circles, and is an expression of the deep concern of the Soviet people for the fate of mankind and of the ongoing efforts of the Soviet Union to thwart the warmongers and save the world from nuclear catastrophe.

The People's Assembly of the People's Republic of Bulgaria unanimously endorses the conclusion that the main objective of our time is to take urgent and active measures against the arms race and for disarmament and the consolidation of international security. We unreservedly support the appeal from the Supreme Soviet of the USSR to the legislative organs of other countries strongly to support negotiations in order to prevent a new escalation of the nuclear missile race. Today there is no other way of settling controversial problems - however complex and tense they may be - apart from dialogue and negotiations: frank and fair negotiations without any preliminary conditions or attempts to dictate a point of view and which take account of the common security of States.

In view of the increasing military threat and the arms race, it is inadmissible to stand aside as an indifferent onlooker. Forty years after the aggression of Hitlerite fascism against the Soviet Union, the grim lesson of history warns that the tragedy must not recur.

We profoundly believe that the parliaments - elected by the peoples and acting on their behalf - will respond positively to the appeal from the Supreme Soviet of the USSR and will co-operate in order to avert the danger which lies in wait for the planet. We are convinced that all those who cherish peace, security and the future happiness of mankind will make their contribution in the struggle to prevent another world war.

The People's Assembly, in accordance with the Constitution, will continue its efforts to contribute to the consolidation of world peace and understanding among peoples. Guided by the resolutions of the Twelfth Congress of the Bulgarian Communist Party, the People's Republic of Bulgaria, together with the Soviet Union and the other countries of the Socialist community and with peace-loving forces throughout the world, will also make its constructive contribution in the future for the stabilization of détente and the consolidation of security and co-operation among the peoples of the Balkans, Europe and the world.