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

Note verbale dated 4 August 1981 from the Permanent Representative of Czechoslovakia to the United Mations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to transmit to him herewith the Declaration of the Federal Assembly of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, dated 30 June 1981, issued 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 Permanent Representative wishes to request that the text of the Declaration be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under items 55 and 58 of the provisional agenda.

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ANNEX

DECLARATION

of the Federal Assembly of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic to the Appeal of the Supreme Soviet of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics of June 23, 1981 addressed to Parliaments and Peoples of the World

We, the deputies of the Federal Assembly of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, got acquainted with the Appeal of the Supreme Soviet of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the Parliaments and Peoples of the World presented by L. I. Brezhnev. We fully agree to its noble ideas and support it warmly, we appreciate it as a further convincing proof of the consistent peace policy of the Soviet Union.

The Appeal of the Supreme Soviet expresses the innermost vital interests of our people and accords with
their historical experience. It corresponds to the Czechoslovak peace foreign policy reaffirmed by the XVIth
Congress of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia. Therefore it meets with such a broad and unambiguous support
of our whole public. The seriousness of this peace
declaration requires that it should penetrate into the
consciousness of all mankind.

It is directly symbolic that this insisting voice for the defense of peace comes from the Soviet Union which, just forty years ago, was criminally attacked by Hitlerite nazism. Together with all peace-loving and progressive mankind we bow on this occasion with respect

and admiration to immeasurable heroism and sacrifices of the Soviet people. We express them our thanks for their decisive share in the defeat of Nazi Germany, for their merits in the liberation of oppressed peoples, for the rescue of human civilization. The people of Czechoslovakia saw the horrors of war and Nazi occupation. On their behalf we raise our voice so that similar tragedies might never again repeat and a new - this time nuclear - world war might be avoided.

We follow with concern the dangerous intentions of the most aggressive imperialist circles aimed at deteriorating international situation, escalating the arms race in an effort to gain military superiority, endangering seriously world peace and the security of nations.

The appeal of the Supreme Soviet as well as the proposals of the XXVIth Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union contain a sincere concern about a peaceful development of our planet. A real relation to the destiny of mankind can be measured by the relation to the Soviet peace proposals. We support the Soviet requirement for immediate and equal negotiations of honour without any preliminary conditions. The results of such negotiations must eliminate further missile and nuclear armaments which would dangerously increase the risk of a nuclear war. Such negotiations would also fully correspond to the Declaration on International Co-operation for the Attainment of the Objectives of Disarmament which upon initiative of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic was approved by the 34th United Nations General Assembly in 1979.

We agree to the standpoint of the Supreme Soviet of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics that time does not wait. Today there is no other reasonable way of solving controversial issues than a constructive dialogue. The Soviet Union showed many times clearly and sincerely that it was ready to talk. Yet the same sincere approach of the other side, primarily the United States, as expected by all nations, by the whole world, is missing.

The deputies of the Federal Assembly appeal to the Parliaments and deputies of all countries of the world to realize fully their responsibility for the fulfilment of the basic human right - the right to a life at peace. It is expected from the deputies as representatives of the will of the people that they will find deepest understanding for the ideas of the Appeal of the Supreme Soviet and that they will understand the scriousness of the situation and exert their influence in all respects, so that primarily their Governments take up a positive approach to this Appeal.

We welcome the Appeal of the Supreme Soviet of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and declare that we shall actively exert our influence in its spirit. Common sense must prevail. Our planet must be preserved for the present as well as for all future generations.