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OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Letter dated 21 November 1986 from the Permanent Representative of
the Union of **Soviet** Socialist Republics to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the text **of an** appeal **by** the Supreme **Soviet** of
the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the parliaments **and** peoples of the world.

I should be grateful if **you would** have this text **distributed** as an official
document of the General Assembly under agenda **items 21, 47, 54, 55, 59, 60, 62**
and 68,

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ANNEX

Appeal by the Supreme Soviet of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the parliaments and peoples of the world

The Supreme Soviet of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, **recognizing** that the inseparable **historic** destinies of all **countries** and peoples in the face of the nuclear threat dictate the need for joint action **to avert** that threat, deems it **nsceceary to appeal to all the world's** parliaments and peoples.

The Soviet-American summit meeting in Reykjavik **marked a** qualitatively new **stage** in the **campaign** for a world without **nuclear** weapons. We now know that we can rid **ourselves** of nuclear weapons during this generation.

This is precisely the goal of the bold, yet entirely **feasible**, programme put forward **by our country**.

The Soviet Union proposes that the strategic **offensive weapons** of the USSR and the United States of America should be reduced by **50 per cent** Over a period of five years. Over the following five years, **i.e.** by the end of **1996, the parties'** remaining weapons in this **category** should all be eliminated.

We Propose the complete abolition of **Soviet and United States** medium-range missiles in Europe, and **radical** cuts in the number of missiles of this **type** in Asia.

We propose that the USSR and the United States should each undertake not, **for** 10 years, to exercise their right to **withdraw** from the open-ended 1972 Treaty on the Limitation of Anti-Ballistic Missile **Systems**, and should abide strictly by all **its provisions**. We **are** against **SDI and** for a stronger **ABM Treaty**.

We propose, finally, **that** the USSR and the United **State** should immediately **begin** negotiations on the complete cessation of nuclear tests.

We take it for **granted** that all the radical **nuclear** disarmament measures proposed by the Soviet **Union** will have to be carried out **under** the very strictest **international and other** control, **including on-site inspection**.

The radical measures listed above are one **package**. A **package** balances **interests** and concessions, balances the relief of mutual concerns, balances interdependent security interests,

Reykjavik did not only engender hopes. It also illuminated the obstacles along the way to a nuclear-free world. The impression **gained** by a **significant** part of the world public, namely that American plans for "**Star Wars**", the so-called **SDI** programme, have become the **main** obstacle to agreement on the **elimination** of nuclear weapons, is a **correct** one. This was completely borne out during the **Reykjavik** meeting. The **SDI** programme is an **attempt** to **attain a position** of military supremacy, to find the means of waging nuclear **war** with the **expectation of winning**.

past experience shows that the **USSR has** always **found** a suitable **response to threats to its security**. That will continue to be true. The **Soviet Union has the requisite intellectual, scientific and technological potential**.

But the **Supreme Soviet** of the **USSR realizes that the creation of space weapons, shifting the arms race into an extremely costly and highly dangerous area, will deprive politicians of any control over the course of events. A technical oversight, a mistake or a computer malfunction may cause an irreversible disaster***

Instead of a space arms race, **the Soviet Union is offering a real alternative: the peaceful conquest of space based on co-operation between all States so that all may benefit and blossom.**

At this extraordinarily significant, perhaps decisive moment in human history, the Supreme Soviet of the USSR appeals to all parliaments and peoples to press for an active turn to the construction of a nuclear-free world and the establishment of equal, dependable security for all States.

This **matter** must take precedence of **any quarrels or ideological differences between States.**

The door to a **nuclear-free** future, having opened a little in **Reykjavik, must not be allowed to slam.**

The **Supreme Soviet** of the **USSR** solemnly reaffirms that the **USSR is not withdrawing a single one of the proposals put forward in Reykjavik for the abolition of all nuclear weapons**. The **Soviet delegation to the Geneva talks has been given instructions to be guided by those proposals in their entirety.**

The **Supreme Soviet** of the **USSR** reaffirms that the unilateral moratorium on **all nuclear tests declared by the Soviet Union over 15 months ago is still in effect. The United States still has time, before 1 January 1987, to listen at last to the voice of reason; and the demands of hundreds of millions of people the world over, and end its nuclear testing. In that event, the USSR will not resume nuclear testing. A major step would thus be taken towards nuclear disarmament=**

As before, we favour a ban on chemical weapons and the eradication of all such weapons in store. We favour strict compliance with the convention on the prohibition of biological weapons. We favour substantial reductions in conventional armaments in Europe, on the principle of equal security for all parties. The specific, sweeping proposals by the Soviet Union and the other States parties to the Warsaw Treaty on all these matters hold good, and we await a response from the NATO countries,

The **Supreme Soviet** of the **USSR** is convinced: **all States have a place in the overall process of ridding mankind of its nuclear burden. When the salvation of civilization is at stake, there are no large or small countries or peoples. The matter affects them all and must be the concern of all.**

The **time has** come when **everyone must** declare his position, given the risk that outer space will **become an** arena for military rivalry. **No Government , no** parliament can escape responsibility, for the existence of all countries, **its** own country and people **included,** is at issue. There **can,** there **must be no neutral** parties.

Our appeal to you is also an appeal from the entire Soviet people. Time will not wait. **It demand8** action.
