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**Letter dated 7 December 1987 from the Permanent Representative of
Denmark to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a declaration on East-West relations by the Heads of State and Governments of the twelve State members of the European Community, of which Denmark is currently the President, which was issued after the meeting of the European Council at Copenhagen on 4 and 5 December 1987 (see annex).

I would appreciate the circulation of the text of this letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 62 and 72, and of the Security Council.

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to the United Nations

ANNEX

**Declaration on East-West relations issued by the Heads of State
and Government of the twelve State members of the European
Community meeting in the European Council at Copenhagen on
4 and 5 December 1987**

1. The European Council welcomes the important prospect of an improvement in East-West relations and acknowledges that the forthcoming summit in Washington, D.C., will mark a significant step forward in these relations.

2. The agreement on global elimination of United States and Soviet land-based intermediate range nuclear missiles will be a milestone, eliminating for the first time an entire class of weapons. The Twelve hope that this agreement will enter into force soon.

They consider it essential that this achievement in nuclear arms control should give further impetus to substantive progress in the whole range of present and future bilateral United States/Soviet and multilateral negotiations on arms control and disarmament.

3. The Twelve will continue to seek, through the process of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, more secure and more co-operative relations between the participating States. All the undertakings made in Helsinki and Madrid should be fully implemented.

Respect for human rights and freedoms is a prerequisite for confidence, understanding and co-operation. The Twelve are determined that the Vienna meeting should benefit all individuals in the 35 countries involved.

The Twelve wish to build upon the achievements of the Stockholm Conference on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures and Disarmament in Europe and will contribute to the elaboration of a further set of confidence- and security-building measures. They will work resolutely towards a stable and secure balance of conventional forces in Europe at a lower level.

4. In all this, the Twelve will co-operate closely with other countries that share their ideals, values and objectives.
