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Letter dated 25 October 1991 from the Permanent Representative of
Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you the text of the statement by the
Verkhovna Rada (Parliament) of Ukraine on the non-nuclear status of Ukraine
(see annex).

I request that you circulate the present letter and its annex as a
document of the General Assembly.

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Annex

STATEMENT OF 24 OCTOBER 1991 BY THE VERKHOVNA RADA OF UKRAINE

on the non-nuclear status of Ukraine

Confirming the intention of Ukraine, proclaimed in the Declaration of State Sovereignty of Ukraine of 16 July 1990, to adhere to the three non-nuclear principles: not to accept, not to produce and not to acquire nuclear weapons,

Recognizing the necessity of strict observance of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons of 1968,

Seeking to contribute towards the strengthening of the international regime of the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons,

The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine states:

1. The presence of the nuclear weapons of the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on the territory of Ukraine is temporary.

2. Now these weapons are under control of the corresponding structures of the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Ukraine insists on the right of its control over the non-use of nuclear weapons located on its territory.

3. Ukraine shall follow the policy aimed at the comprehensive elimination of nuclear weapons and components of their deployment located on the territory of the Ukrainian State. It intends to achieve it in the shortest time possible taking into account legal, technical, financial, organizational and other possibilities and with the proper securing of ecological safety.

In Ukraine there will be launched the wide programme of conversion of the defence industry, re-aiming the part of the military industrial capability towards the needs of economic and social development.

4. Ukraine, as one of the successors of the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, shall fulfil the provisions of the Treaty on the Reduction of Strategic Offensive Weapons of 1991 in the part that concerns the nuclear weapons located on its territory.

Ukraine is ready to start negotiations with the Republic of Belarus, the Kazakh SSR, the Russian SFSR with the participation of the corresponding structures of the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on the elimination of strategic nuclear weapons covered by this Treaty.

5. Ukraine shall take steps aimed at eliminating all other nuclear weapons located on its territory and for this matter is ready, as necessary, to participate in negotiations with all interested parties, including existing multilateral mechanisms in the field of disarmament.

6. Ukraine shall take appropriate steps to secure all the time until the complete elimination of these weapons the physical safety of nuclear weapons located on its territory.

7. Ukraine intends to adhere to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons as a non-nuclear State and to conclude with the International Atomic Energy Agency a corresponding agreement on guarantees.
