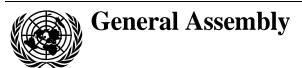
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We have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the joint statement on the Strategic Stability Cooperation Initiative, signed by Mr. W. J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, and Mr. V. V. Putin, President of the Russian Federation, on 6 September 2000, in New York (see annex).

We should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda items 73, 80 and 81.

(Signed) Richard Holbrooke
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(Signed) Sergey Lavrov
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