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Letter dated 21 October 1980 from the Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour, on instructions from my Government, to transmit herewith the text of the Appeal of the World Parliament of the Peoples for Peace held last September in Sofia, Bulgaria.

This session of the World Parliament of Peoples for Peace was a most representative international forum, with the participation of 2,260 delegates from 134 countries, among them 19 Ministers and 154 Members of Parliament, as well as many high-ranking officials representing 302 political parties and organizations.

I should be grateful if you would circulate the text of the letter and the Appeal as an official document under item 50 of the agenda of the thirty-fifth session of the General Assembly.

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Annex

APPEAL OF THE WORLD PARLIAMENT OF THE PEOPLES FOR PEACE

Peoples of the world are alarmed. Never before has there been so great a danger of world nuclear holocaust.

The nuclear arms build up, the accumulation of deadly arsenals has reached a critical point. Further escalation in the arms build up could create a most dangerous situation, facing humanity with the threat of annihilation.

"The new nuclear strategy" is an elaborate deception of the people to persuade them that limited or regional nuclear war can be conducted without leading to a global nuclear holocaust. We categorically reject this dangerous and inhuman conception.

Peoples everywhere, who have for more than three decades successfully prevented the unleashing of a world war and who have so devotedly struggled for disarmament and détente, refuse to be a part of these schemes. They demand a stop to the arms build up, a stop to aggression and the threats of aggression, to avert the danger of nuclear war.

We appeal to the reason and responsibility of all politicians and statesmen, we appeal to Governments:

Abandon the new armaments programmes. Give up the manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction – missiles, neutron, chemical or any other weaponry. Reduce the stockpiles. Ban nuclear weapons. Negotiate. There is no other alternative. We appeal to all who cherish peace:

To be concerned is not enough. To be alarmed is not enough. The people have the power to preserve peace – their basic right. Act now.

Let us stop the world from coming ever closer to the nuclear precipice. Let us put aside all that divides us and join together to defeat the menace of nuclear war. Let our voice be heard as never before.

Launched 24 September 1980 by 2,260 participants of the World Parliament of Peoples for Peace from 134 countries, and from 100 international organizations.

Sofia, People's Republic of Bulgaria.