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REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON
THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Letter dated 4 November 1981 from the Permanent Representative of
Romania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the Appeal for disarmament
and peace by the Socialist Democracy and Unity Front of the Socialist Republic of
Romania.

I should be grateful if the text of this Appeal were circulated as an official
document of the General Assembly under items 51, 55 and 58 of the agenda of its
thirty-sixth session.

(Signed) Teodor MARINESCU
Permanent Representative
to the United Nations
APPEAL FOR DISARMAMENT AND PEACE OF THE SOCIALIST DEMOCRACY
AND UNITY FRONT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA

The Executive Bureau of the National Council of the Socialist Democracy and Unity Front, meeting in expanded session at Bucharest on 30 October 1981, endorsed unanimously the assessments and considerations set forth by the President of the country Nicolae Ceaușescu, concerning the current international situation, ways of overcoming the grave problems confronting mankind and proposals concerning the development in Romania of a vast mass political action for the forceful manifestation of the Romanian people's will for peace and of the determination of the whole Socialist nation to act untiringly against the intensification of the arms race, for general disarmament and, primarily, nuclear disarmament and for security, co-operation and peace throughout the world.

The National Council of the Front greatly appreciates the initiative of Nicolae Ceaușescu, which is characterized by a spirit of high responsibility for the life and tranquility of the peoples, for the destinies of human civilization and for the building of a world of friendship and peaceful co-operation among nations. We believe that this new and important initiative is likely to mobilize still further the forces of the Romanian people for the implementation of the rational constructive policy promoted on the international arena by Socialist Romania and by the President of the country and to increase the contribution of our people to the great struggle of the advanced progressive forces and the great popular masses everywhere, resolved to defend their calm, their peaceful work, their life and their freedom and independence.

Socialist Romania and President Nicolae Ceaușescu enjoy well-merited prestige on the international scene for the spirit of consistency and determination with which they militate for the elimination of factors of tension and conflict in international life and for the settlement of the complex problems of the present-day world, in accordance with the vital interests and aspirations of the peoples. Within international public opinion, a profound echo and total agreement have been evoked by the innumerable proposals and concrete initiatives of our country and of President Nicolae Ceaușescu, seeking a halt to the arms race, the adoption of practical measures for the reduction of military expenditures and forces and of armaments and the defence of the freedom and independence of peoples, which are seriously threatened by the current course of international life. The adoption of such measures and the promotion of this policy today constitute the only alternative to a war of destruction and represent the primordial condition for the establishment of a climate of understanding, security, co-operation and peace.

On the basis of these considerations, the Socialist Democracy and Unity Front calls upon all its organizations and workers throughout the country - labourers, peasants, intellectuals, men and women, young and old, all citizens, whatever their nationality - to express their opinion within the framework of large-scale public demonstrations and to organize popular assemblies, demonstrations, walks for peace and other mass actions calling for the undertaking and intensification of actions by all States and peoples to prevent the expansion of the arms race and the growth of the military arsenal, in order that mankind may be delivered from the nightmare of a new war.

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This reflects the particular importance which our party and our State attach to the role of our people - heroic, builder of socialism, forging with awareness its own history and a worthy and happy future - in the elaboration and promotion of the whole internal and external policy of the country in all areas of social life and of the whole society.

The Romanian people is aware of the fact that the achievement of its great aspirations to build the most just and most human of systems, communism, and the realization of the aspirations of all peoples to well-being and progress depend essentially on the elimination of the danger of war and the establishment of a lasting peace on our planet. The cause of peace and co-operation is an inseparable part of the conception of life of our people and the socialist society which we are building, and it is identified with the noble ideals of socialism and communism.

The Romanian people is aware of the fact that, in the tremendous efforts currently being made by the progressive forces of mankind for disarmament, peace and détente, an essential role falls to the socialist countries, which, by virtue of the very nature of their system and the ideas which guide them, are fundamentally concerned about the suppression of any act of international aggression and any danger of war, in defence of their independence and the freedom of all peoples and of their sacred right to create, in peace and tranquility, their future as they wish it. It is on the socialist countries and on progressive social forces everywhere that the obligation falls to unite their efforts in a single torrent to block the way to war and to safeguard peace.

The Socialist Democracy and Unity Front of Romania has a particular appreciation of and considers with deep sympathy the great mass movements taking place in the countries of western Europe and seeking to stop the emplacement of new medium-range nuclear missiles on our continent and to prevent the production of the neutron bomb, against the plans and intentions for escalation of armaments policy. The Romanian people unites its voice with that of the popular masses of those countries and of all countries in the noble battle for peace, which reflects the increased role played today by the peoples in determining the course of historic evolution. We express our full solidarity with other nations in efforts for the elimination of the dangers which threaten their life and their peaceful work, their very future, by saying - before it is too late - a resolute NO to war.

We believe that peace-loving forces everywhere and the peoples should exert the greatest energy in order to persuade Governments, parliaments and State leaders to embark on a new constructive policy characterized by a maximum of responsibility for the fate and future of the peoples and of world peace.

We address to all mass and civic organizations and to the popular masses of all the countries of Europe, America and all the other continents an appeal to act in the strictest unity to ensure the realization of the pressing objectives of security, détente and international co-operation.

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Let us act for the establishment of a climate in which all peoples can develop freely and sovereignly, safe from any external interference or aggression!

In the interest of peace and tranquillity on our planet, let us vigorously rise up against the policy of the arms race!

In view of the particularly grave situation which has arisen in Europe, as a result of the accumulation in this part of the world of a vast arsenal of weapons of mass destruction, let us demand with all vigour a halt to the installation and deployment on the continent of medium-range nuclear missiles and embarkation, without delay, on concrete negotiations to that end!

Let us say a firm NO to the neutron bomb! Let us campaign unswervingly for the outlawing of all weapons of mass destruction!

Let us act resolutely, together with all the peoples and with all the enlightened consciences of the continent, to prevent Europe being annihilated in a nuclear conflagration!

Let us declare ourselves, most vigourously, in favour of having the current Madrid Meeting decide to convene a conference devoted to the strengthening of confidence and disarmament in Europe!

Let us work unswervingly for a military balance which in no way endangers the security and peace of any country and which is achieved not by the increase of armaments but by their progressive decrease and reduction!

Let us assert our will that resolute action be taken for the freezing of military expenditures at the 1981 level and for the gradual reduction, over the next few years, of military budgets by at least 10 per cent until 1985!

Let us work resolutely to ensure a halt to all demonstrations of force, military manoeuvres on the frontiers of other States, large-scale manoeuvres and any action likely to create tension and distrust between States!

Let us demand as firmly as possible that the marvelous attainments of human genius and modern science and technology be placed exclusively in the service of peace and progress and not of destruction and war!

Let us co-operate closely to persuade the arms promoters to renounce their dangerous positions and put an end for ever to armaments policy and to the use and threat of force, so that all disputes are resolved solely by negotiations and by peaceful means!

Let us make every effort to ensure that the vast military budgets and the sums expended on arms are used to implement the economic and social development programmes of each country and to support the peoples of the underdeveloped countries in their efforts towards progress and to build a better and more just world! Let us work so that the policy of disarmament may contribute
to the removal of gaps between States and to the establishment of the new
economic order - an essential condition for peace, progress and international
political and economic stability!

Let us act to ensure that the United Nations and other international
organizations and bodies play a much more active role in the uniting and
participation of all nations in efforts towards peace, disarmament and
co-operation among peoples!

Life and the whole course of international events demonstrate the need to
increase the role of the peoples in the solution of all problems relating to the
peace and progress of mankind and to strengthen their solidarity and co-operation
in the affirmation of the policy of détente, peace and national independence. Let
us therefore unite our forces and co-operate most actively to block the policy of
tension and war and to affirm the policy of détente, understanding, peace and
international co-operation!

The Socialist Democracy and Unity Front, on behalf of the whole Romanian
people, addresses to democratic organizations, to public opinion and to the peoples
of all countries an appeal to undertake new, ever more vigorous actions devoted to
the cause of peace and disarmament. Let us ensure the implementation of the
fundamental right of all peoples to life, peace and freedom by a broad united
movement of all peace-loving forces, and let us prevent the outbreak of a new world
war and establish calm and security on our planet!

The Socialist Democracy and Unity Front expresses its conviction that all the
component organizations and all the workers of our country, without distinction as
to nationality, will act resolutely, launching broad mass actions, in order to make
heard loudly in the world the voice of peace and co-operation of socialist Romania
and the unshakeable will of our people to make its full contribution to the
realization of the supreme ideals and aspirations of humanity, namely, to live in
co-operation and understanding, in a world of peace and progress.

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