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Letter dated 4 December 1985 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Uganda to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you a text of a communiqué released by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uganda on the summit held on 18-20 November 1985, in Geneva between Mr. Mikhail Gorbachev, Secretary-General of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and Mr. Ronald Reagan, the President of the United States of America.

It would be very much appreciated if this letter and the enclosed communiqué can be issued as an official document of the United Nations under items 61, 62, 65, 68, 69 and 72.

(Signed) Nathan IRUMBA
Ambassador/Chargé d'affaires a.i.
Annex

STATEMENT DATED 20 NOVEMBER 1985 BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has welcomed the summit meeting between President Ronald Reagan of the United States of America and Mr. Mikhail Gorbachev, General Secretary of the Communist Party of the USSR which opened in Geneva yesterday.

The Ministry has expressed the hope that this important meeting will achieve positive results and in particular pave the way for meaningful negotiations in the field of disarmament, especially nuclear disarmament. The prevention of the danger of a nuclear war and hence mass destruction must remain the highest priority of all mankind and in this connection the two super-Powers bear primary responsibility. Progress in this sphere would have a beneficial effect on negotiations and co-operation in many other areas. Economic and social development, which all countries are struggling to achieve, will be in vain if the arms race is not halted and reversed because, apart from threatening the very survival of mankind, the arms race squanders enormous resources which would find better use for development purposes.

Our experience in Uganda in recent years shows clearly that peace is an essential pre-condition for any meaningful economic and social development to take place and it is against this background that Uganda commends the efforts of the two super-Powers to lay a firm foundation for lasting peace and security in the world. These bold efforts prove that in the final analysis there is no viable alternative to co-operation and peaceful coexistence among all countries and peoples.

On behalf of the Government and people of Uganda the Ministry of Foreign Affairs wishes the two leaders every success in their historic deliberations.