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MEASURES TO MOBILIZE WORLD PUBLIC OPINION IN FAVOUR OF DISARMAMENT

Letter dated 16 June 1982 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs
of Romania addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of an Appeal from the people
of Romania addressed to the General Assembly at its special session devoted to
disarmament. The Appeal is entitled "For disarmament, for a Europe without nuclear
weapons, for a world of peace".

The Appeal states afresh that the Romanian people is bent on peace, and that
the Socialist Republic of Romania, and Nicolae Ceausescu, its President, pursue a
constant policy of disarmament, and in the first place nuclear disarmament.

A vast campaign is being mounted throughout the country to collect signatures
for this Appeal.

The approximately 18 million signatures already collected from the most
diverse social categories and covering virtually all the generations confer on this
Appeal the value of a commitment by all the people of Romania to a policy of peace,
disarmament and international security. This demonstrates, Sir, the importance
which the Romanian people attaches to the achievement of concrete results at the
special session devoted to disarmament, which constitutes an important step in the
action of the international community to bring about disarmament.
I should be grateful if you would arrange for the Appeal, together with this letter to be circulated as an official document of the twelfth special session of the General Assembly under items 9 and 13 of the agenda.

(Signed) Stefan ANDREI
Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Romania, Chairman of the delegation of Romania
ANNEX

APPEAL OF THE ROMANIAN PEOPLE TO THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY
AT ITS SPECIAL SESSION DEVOTED TO DISARMAMENT

For disarmament, for a Europe without nuclear weapons,
for a world of peace!

Concerned at the escalation of the arms race, which seriously endangers peace
and the very existence of peoples, and at the growing threat to peace and security,
we, the citizens and entire nation of the Socialist Republic of Romania, in these
extremely grave international circumstances, solemnly appeal to the United Nations
General Assembly, meeting in special session devoted to disarmament, to adopt
concrete measures designed to initiate disarmament, and in the first place nuclear
disarmament, and the reduction of military expenditures, so that the vast material
and human resources released by halting and curtailing the arms race may be devoted
to human progress and well-being and to the eradication of economic
underdevelopment.

Like other European peoples, the Romanian people resolutely calls for an end
to the deployment and development of new medium-range nuclear missiles, the
withdrawal and destruction of the missiles in place and the total elimination of
nuclear weapons from the continent.

The whole of mankind is at present confronted with a choice: the path of war
or that of peace. Nothing could justify the pursuit of a policy of armaments and
war.

The United Nations and the leaders of all States and Governments, whose
representatives have assembled at the United Nations for the special session, bear
a heavy responsibility to their peoples and to the future of human civilization for
the release of mankind from the burden of armaments and the terrifying spectre of a
nuclear war, for halting the race towards disaster and for safeguarding and
consolidating peace.

In the name of human existence and the future of mankind, we appeal to the
United Nations, all States and all peoples to overcome every hesitation and
obstacle and to decide to halt the arms race and initiate disarmament, and in the
first place, nuclear disarmament.

Let us start to disarm before the first nuclear bombs are dropped. Once the
dropping of bombs begins, it will be too late.

The Romanian people, like all other peoples of the world, urges that prompt
action be taken now, before it is too late, in order to safeguard the basic human
right: the right to peace, life and freedom.

We resolutely demand that the voice of the peoples be heard and that their
will to live in peace be respected.