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REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND
DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS TENTH
SPECIAL SESSION

Letter dated 28 June 1982 from the First Deputy Foreign Minister
and Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you the text of the Declaration of the Ninth
Congress of the Bulgarian Fatherland Front, adopted on 22 June 1982 at Sofia,
Bulgaria, and addressed to the second special session of the General Assembly
devoted to disarmament.

May I request you to have the text of this Declaration, attached herewith,
circulated as a document of the twelfth special session of the General Assembly
under agenda item 9.

(Signed) Boris TSVETKOV
Ambassador
First Deputy Foreign Minister
Permanent Representative to the United Nations
ANNEX

Declaration issued on 23 June 1982 by the Ninth Congress of the Bulgarian Fatherland Front

1. The Ninth Congress of the Bulgarian Fatherland Front expresses deep concern and serious anxiety over the deterioration of the international situation brought about by the United States imperialists and their NATO allies. The United States is striving to upset, to its own advantage, the military and strategic parity between NATO and the Warsaw Treaty Organization as it relies on the policy of seeking military superiority over the Soviet Union and whips up the arms race. This adventurist policy only increases the danger of nuclear war. The spectre of nuclear catastrophe imperils the fate of the present-day civilization and the very future of mankind. Quite rightfully, the thirty-sixth session of the United Nations General Assembly adopted a solemn declaration on the prevention of nuclear catastrophe which proclaimed that those that resort first to the use of nuclear weapons will be committing "the gravest crime against humanity".

2. We welcome with great joy and fully support the decision of the Soviet Union not to be the first to use nuclear weapons as a manifestation of its adamant will to prevent the outbreak of war and preserve peace. On behalf of the Bulgarian people, the Ninth Congress of the Fatherland Front calls on nations and peace-loving forces throughout the world to support this initiative of the USSR, announced in Leonid Brezhnev's message to the second special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament, and to demand of all nuclear-weapon States to follow this example, which would mean in practice the elimination of the threat of nuclear war.

3. The second special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament has expressed the alarm of the world community, as well as its hopes to see a turnaround from the policies of confrontation to policies of negotiations coupled with concrete results. The peoples throughout the planet expect the second special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament to lend strong momentum to the implementation of the goals, principles and tasks, laid down in the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session, to elaborate and adopt the comprehensive programme for disarmament, to be a step forward along the road to convening a world conference on disarmament.

4. Massive antimilitarist and antinuclear movements which have swept across Europe, Japan, the United States itself and the other capitalist and developing countries, and, indeed, across the entire world, are an impressive and categorical expression of the will of peoples to raise roadblocks to war, to live in a world of peace, security and co-operation.

5. We are hopeful that reason will prevail over adventurism and that the forces for peace, whose mighty bulwark is the socialist community, would gain the upper hand in the struggle against the forces of militarism and nuclear insanity.
6. The Fatherland Front, set up 40 years ago on the initiative of Georgi Dimitrov, the hero of the Leipzig Trial, rescued Bulgaria from the destruction of the Second World War and from capitalist exploitation and, under the guidance of the Bulgarian Communist Party, led the Bulgarian people along the road to socialism.

7. We, delegates of the Ninth Congress of the Fatherland Front, on behalf of our 4 million-strong organization and the entire Bulgarian people, resolutely support all efforts to adopt effective measures for reducing tensions in international relations, for curbing and halting the arms race and for disarmament.

8. The Ninth Congress of the Fatherland Front voices its unqualified support for the idea of turning the Balkans into a nuclear-weapon-free zone, on the understanding that this would contribute to the creation of a still more favourable political climate in the relations among the Balkan States, a climate of good-neighbourliness and co-operation conducive to the strengthening of peace and security in Europe and in the whole world.

9. All members of the Fatherland Front staunchly support the idea that the second special session devoted to disarmament should launch the World Disarmament Campaign. They also anticipate that the initiative of the People's Republic of Bulgaria for world-wide action, under the auspices of the United Nations, for collecting signatures in support of measures to prevent nuclear war, to curb the arms race and for disarmament, will be implemented in the context of this campaign.

10. The Ninth Congress of the Fatherland Front, expressing the will of the entire Bulgarian people, issues an urgent appeal to the second special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament for adopting such decisions which would contribute to reducing and eliminating the danger of nuclear catastrophe, curtailing the arms race and realizing the ideal of humanity, a world free from armaments and wars.