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Agenda item 9

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

Letter dated 8 June 1982 from the First Deputy Minister for
Foreign Affairs 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 a cable which the
participants of a meeting of the Bulgarian public, held at Sofia, Bulgaria, on
4 June 1982 on the occasion of the second special session of the General Assembly
devoted to disarmament, have addressed to Your Excellency and to the special
session.

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

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

Statement issued on 4 June 1982 by the participants of
a meeting of the Bulgarian public

We, the participants of a meeting of the Bulgarian public, which took place on
4 June 1982 at Sofia, Bulgaria, on the occasion of the second special session of
the United Nations General Assembly devoted to disarmament, voice our deep concern
at the deterioration of the international situation, caused by the imperialist and
reactionary forces, above all those in the United States and NATO, which rely on a
policy from position of strength as they are whipping up the arms race and
increasing the danger of a world nuclear catastrophe.

It is our view that the second special session of the General Assembly devoted
to disarmament is called upon to lend fresh impulse to the policy of détente and to
adopt concrete measures for strengthening international peace and security, for
limiting and halting the armaments race and for achieving disarmament. The
Declaration on the Prevention of Nuclear Catastrophe, a/ adopted at the
thirty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly proclaims that those who
resort first to the use of nuclear weapons will be committing the "gravest crime
against humanity".

It is an imperative of reason and challenge of the day to eliminate forever
the weapons which imperil the very existence of our civilization.

We sincerely hope and are deeply confident that the will of peoples to live in
a world devoid of weapons, in a world of trust, understanding and co-operation,
will be in the limelight of the second special session.

We resolutely support the proposal to organize a World Disarmament Campaign
and a world-wide action for collecting signatures in support of measures to prevent
nuclear war, to curb the arms race and for disarmament.

We are deeply confident that the implementation of the idea of turning the
Balkans into a nuclear-weapon-free zone would contribute significantly to the
efforts to strengthen confidence among peoples and to promote peace and security in
Europe and in the world.

We urgently appeal to the participants in the second special session of the
General Assembly devoted to disarmament to adopt effective measures to implement
the goals, principles and tasks, embedded in the Final Document of the Tenth
Special Session of the General Assembly b/ in order to save "succeeding generations
from the scourge of war" as provided for in the Charter of the United Nations.

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a/ Resolution 36/100.

b/ Resolution S-10/2.