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REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM IN THE
AGENDA OF THE FORTIETH SESSION

SOLEMN APPEAL TO STATES IN CONFLICT TO CEASE ARMED ACTION FORTHWITH AND TO SETTLE DISPUTES BETWEEN THEM THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS, AND TO STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO UNDERTAKE TO SOLVE SITUATIONS OF TENSION AND CONFLICT AND EXISTING DISPUTES BY POLITICAL MEANS AND TO REFRAIN FROM THE THREAT OR USE OF FORCE AND FROM ANY INTERVENTION IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER STATES

Letter dated 6 September 1985 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Romania addressed to the Secretary-General

On behalf of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania, I have the honour to request the inclusion in the agenda of the fortieth session of the General Assembly of an additional item of an important and urgent character, entitled: "Solemn appeal to States in conflict to cease armed action forthwith and to settle disputes between them through negotiations, and to States Members of the United Nations to undertake to solve situations of tension and conflict and existing disputes by political means and to refrain from the threat or use of force and from any intervention in the internal affairs of other States".

In making this proposal, the Romanian Government proceeds from the conviction that the consideration of this item at the fortieth session of the General Assembly as an important and urgent question is necessitated by the present international situation itself and by the urgent requirements for the maintenance of international peace and security.

The States and peoples of the world are deeply concerned at the persistence of armed conflicts and states of tension in different parts of the world, at the continual emergence of new sources of conflict and tension in international life and at the tendency to resort to force or the threat of force in relations between States, which pose a serious threat to independence and their security as well as to international peace and security.

In these circumstances, it is apparent that all States must make unremitting efforts to settle any conflict or dispute between them solely by peaceful means and must refrain from resorting to military means and to hostilities against other States. It is in the interest both of States involved in conflicts and of other States and peoples to act with the utmost responsibility in order to halt armed conflicts and to solve existing problems solely by peaceful means, through negotiations.

On the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations, we consider it necessary solemnly to reaffirm the determined commitment of Member States to the purposes and principles of the Charter and the obligations which they assumed as Members of the Organization, as well as the will to make the peaceful settlement of disputes a central concern of all Member States and of the United Nations.

To this end, Romania considers it necessary that a solemn appeal be addressed to States in conflict to cease armed action forthwith and to proceed to the peaceful settlement of existing disputes between them, and to other States to fulfil the obligation assumed by them to solve situations of tension and conflict and existing disputes by political means, and to refrain from the threat or use of force and from any intervention in the internal affairs of other States. The Member States would also be called upon to utilize fully the framework provided by the United Nations for the peaceful settlement of disputes and international problems, in order to enable the Organization and the Security Council to accomplish fully the role assigned to them in the maintenance of international peace and security.

The Romanian Government feels that the consideration of this extremely important and urgent question, and the adoption of a solemn appeal addressed to States in conflict and to all the States of the world, would make an important contribution to efforts to consolidate international peace and security.

I request you to regard this letter also as an explanatory memorandum in accordance with the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, and to have it circulated, together with the annexed draft solemn appeal, as an official document of the fortieth session of the General Assembly.

(Signed) Stefan ANDREI
Minister for Foreign Affairs of the
Socialist Republic of Romania

ANNEX

Solemn appeal to States in conflict to cease armed action forthwith and to settle disputes between them through negotiations, and to States Members of the United Nations to undertake to solve situations of tension and conflict and existing disputes by political means and to refrain from the threat or use of force and from any intervention in the internal affairs of other States

The General Assembly,

Deeply concerned at the persistence of armed conflicts and states of tension in different parts of the world, at the continual emergence of new sources of conflict and tension in international life and at the tendency to resort to force or the threat of force in relations between States, which gravely endanger their independence and security as well as international peace and security,

Taking account of the necessity that all States must make unremitting efforts to settle any conflict or dispute between them solely by peaceful means and must refrain from resorting to military means and to hostilities against other States, which simply aggravate the international situation, jeopardize peace throughout the world and render the solution of problems even more difficult,

Considering that it is in the interest both of States involved in conflicts and of other States and peoples, and furthers the general cause of world peace and security, to act with full responsibility in order to halt armed conflicts and to solve problems through negotiations and by peaceful means,

Solemnly reaffirming, on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations, the determined commitment of Member States to the purposes and principles of the Charter and the obligations which they assumed as Members of the Organization,

Reaffirming also the Manila Declaration on the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes, adopted by the General Assembly in resolution 37/10 of 15 November 1982,

Considering that, in the present international situation, the question of the peaceful settlement of disputes should constitute a central concern of all States and of the United Nations,

1. Addresses a solemn appeal to States in conflict to cease armed action forthwith and to proceed to the settlement of disputes between them by peaceful means and through negotiations;
2. Calls upon all States to comply fully and consistently with the obligation which they assumed to solve situations of tension and conflict and existing disputes by political means and to refrain from the threat or use of force and from any intervention in the internal affairs of other States;

3. Requests the Security Council to act promptly, in accordance with its functions, in the cases of conflict and tension existing in different regions of the world, and to designate representatives of the United Nations to contact and discuss with the States involved with a view to settling the existing disputes between them by peaceful means, eliminating situations of tension and conflict and establishing relations based on understanding, co-operation and peace among all the States of the world;

4. Calls, therefore, upon Member States to make full use, in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter, of the framework provided by the United Nations for the peaceful settlement of disputes and international problems;

5. Appeals to Member States to act resolutely, in accordance with the responsibilities of the United Nations and their duties as Members of this Organization, so that it may harmonize the combined efforts of States aimed at strengthening world peace and security, solving the major issues confronting humanity and ensuring conditions for the free and independent development of all peoples.
