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ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS TENTH SPECIAL **SESSION**REVIEW **OF** THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE  
STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Letter dated 10 April 1986 from the Permanent Representative of  
Romania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon **instructions** from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith the Declaration of the Grand National Assembly of the Socialist Republic **of** Romania on the International Year of Peace, adopted on 4 April 1986.

I should be grateful if you would have this **Declaration** circulated as an official document **of** the General Assembly under **items 21, 60, 64 and 70** of the preliminary list.

(Signed) Teodor MARINESCU  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

DECLARATION  
OF THE GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA  
ON THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF PEACE

The Grand National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Romania, meeting in its first session this year, and emphasizing the special importance of the proclamation by the United Nations General Assembly of 1980 as the International Year of Peace, unanimously adopts the following DECLARATION :

1. Expressing the will and aspirations of the whole **Romanian** people engaged with all its forces in a wide-ranging programme of **economic** and social development of the country **on** the road of progress and **civilization**, the Grand National Assembly solemnly reaffirms Romania's **unflinching** determination **firmly** to take action for the removal of the war threat to mankind, and for a passage to disarmament, for the attainment of the noble aims of the International Year of Peace. In answer to the ringing call that the **President** of the country made on our entire people, the Grand National Assembly reaffirms once again its determination to strengthen international cooperation and do its best so that 1980 — the International Year of Peace — lead to real progress in the promotion of the peoples' ideals of liberty and peace, bringing about concrete actions and **understandings** toward ending the arms race and achieving disarmament, nuclear first and foremost,

In a spirit of strong adhesion and **unanimity**, the country's highest legislative forum proudly **emphasizes** President Nicolae Ceausescu's internationally acknowledged remarkable contribution and constructive initiatives to check the dangerous course of international developments, help the resumption of the detente, peace and cooperation policy, ensure the **foremost** right of individuals and peoples to peace, to existence, to a free and dignified life.

The Grand National Assembly reiterates its firm support to the President of the Republic's tireless activity in the service of the vital interests of the **Romanian** people, of the peaceful future of the whole mankind, and underscores the great significance of the recent proposals of **the Romanian** Head of State on the priorities for action in the International Year of Peace. To fully meet the expectations and hopes of peoples, of mankind as a whole, Romania and its highest legislative body will strengthen further their cooperation with all the states of the world, with the governments, parliaments and realistic peace-loving forces everywhere to pass on from statements to deeds and to take steps toward removing the danger of a nuclear catastrophe, halting the arms race, of the nuclear one more particularly, and passing to disarmament. Everything possible should be done to bring together all the forces so as to put an end forever to the policy of force and interference in the domestic affairs of **states, solve** the existing conflicts only by peaceful means, by negotiations, Liquidate underdevelopment and build the new international economic order, ensure all peoples the right to develop in freedom and independence, the right to decide their own destiny, We solemnly declare that Romania's foreign activity in the International Year of Peace will constantly be aimed at the attainment of these major demands of the world today.

2. Under the present circumstances of serious international tension, the fundamental question is to stop the arms race and pass on to concrete disarmament measures, nuclear disarmament measures above all, and ensure a durable world peace. It is the high responsibility of parliaments, governments and decisionmakers of the states of Europe and around the world to take forthright action toward effective agreements on halting the testing, production and deployment of **new** nuclear weapons, on reducing and eventually completely eliminating them, on preventing the **militarization** of space. Romania takes the view that efforts should go at present toward stopping the deployment of new nuclear weapons in Europe, eliminating and liquidating medium-range missiles from this continent and other parts of the world, halting the actions aimed at extending the arms race to **space**.

In the spirit of this constant concern, Romania supports the Soviet Union's programme for cutting back on nuclear weapons and scrapping the whole nuclear arsenal until the year 2000. We wish and expect that the United States join in this programme, work for striking an adequate agreement with the Soviet Union, and that a further stage be reached in which all nuclear states should apply the measures of total liquidation of nuclear weapons from our planet.

The Grand National Assembly considers it necessary that everything should be done for reaching an agreement on banning nuclear tests. In this respect we appeal to the Soviet Union to **continue** its moratorium on nuclear tests, and we call on the United States to join in this moratorium ! We salute the Soviet Union's proposal on convening a Soviet-American summit debating the question of halting nuclear tests. In our opinion, no reason or questions of procedure can or should be called forth in delaying such a meeting called to ban nuclear tests ! World public opinion demands that an end be put to nuclear **tests** which constitute a factor spurring the arms race and bear negatively on the climate, contributing to the general pollution of environment. We pronounce for a general agreement prohibiting nuclear tests by all states.

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The building of a world without weapons or wars also calls for working out a complex programme of general disarmament, with nuclear disarmament at its centre, which should be aimed at the substantial reduction of all conventional armaments, of military effectives and budgets, those of the strongly armed countries in the first place. To this end, Romania firmly declares for a ban on chemical weapons, for the initiation of concerted measures with a view to reducing by half conventional weapons, armed forces and military expenditures until the end of the century, which would create conditions for the promotion of nuclear disarmament, *for* building international confidence and security, and would allow the huge sums wasted on arming to be used for stepping up the socio-economic progress of all states, developing ones in particular. This would fully meet the imperative of striking a **balance** not by increasing military arsenals but by cutting them to an ever lower level.

The lessening of tension and the enhancement of confidence internationally also demand greater efforts so that resolute measures may be initiated for the dismantlement of all military bases in the territory of other states, the withdrawal of foreign troops to within national frontiers, the reduction of the share of military activities in the NATO and the Warsaw Treaty and the creation of conditions for their simultaneous dissolution. Romania pronounces firmly for the cessation of large-scale military manoeuvres, inclusive of military manoeuvres in international waters, of shows of force at the frontiers of other countries, for firm pledges to be taken not to violate the freedom of **navigation** in international waters, for **withdrawal** of the great powers' **military** fleets from seas and oceans so that international waters may be used for exclusively peaceful purposes.

The interests of international peace and security render ever more necessary the creation of nuclear and chemical weapon free zones. The Grand National Assembly voices its resolve to militate tirelessly for the translation into life of the Declaration-Appeal of presidents Nicolae Ceausescu and Todor Zhivkov for the transformation of the Balkans into a chemical weapon free zone. **Besides**, Romania will act consistently for stronger collaboration and good neighbourhood between the Balkan states, for the building in this region of a zone of **peace** free of **nuclear** weapons and foreign **military** bases. This country backs the creation of **nuclear** and chemical weapon free zones in **Northern and Central** Europe, as well as in other regions of the world.

The implementation of these measures, which are in full harmony with the goals of the International Year of Peace, calls, more than ever before, for closer work-together among states and governments so that the **multilateral** negotiating **forums** of Geneva, Stockholm and Vienna devoted to disarmament and the increase of confidence and security may proceed successfully, as well as for a responsible, constructive approach to all the proposals advanced, so that their proceedings may **conclude** with concrete, positive results. At the same time, a thorough preparation of the Vienna AR-European Conference on security and cooperation in Europe, called upon to lend strong impetus to the **security-building** process, is highly important for the promotion of a united Europe of peace and collaboration grounded on respect for the diversity of social systems, in which all states should cooperate **fruitfully** in the spirit of independence and equality, without any outside interference. This desideratum should guide the activity of the parliaments in Europe, the United States and Canada at the Sixth Inter-Parliamentary Union Conference on

security and cooperation in Europe to take place this summer, The Grand National Assembly states its resolve closely to cooperate with the other parliaments in order to make an **active** contribution to the successful conclusion of the conference and work for the development of parliamentary **dialogue** at a European level.

3, Given the harmful consequences of the persistence and **even** aggravation of certain conflictual situations for world peace and security, the Grand National Assembly considers that implementing the targets of the International Year of Peace calls for the **materialization** of the Solemn Appeal endorsed in consensus by the United **Nations** General Assembly in November 1985, upon a **Romanian** initiative, regarding the immediate halting of **armed** actions by the conflicting countries, and passage to solving differences by **way** of negotiations, through peaceful means, and of the Solemn Pledge of the UN member states to refrain from the use and threat of force, from all interventions in the domestic **affairs** of other states.

4, The peace of the present and **future** generations cannot be built without **providing** a rapid solution, in a spirit of equity and justice, to certain highly negative phenomena in the world economy and in the international economic relations. The lack of any real progress towards eradicating underdevelopment and **establishing** a new international economic order, as well as the aggravation of the foreign debt issue, **have** led to an unprecedented worsening of the **economic** situation in the developing countries, hindering a harmonious development of all **states**, endangering the very peace and stability of the world.

The Grand National **Assembly** believes that the settlement of these complex **and** acute problems imperiously requires new approaches and solutions that should meet the interests of all states, the demands of progress and peace of the entire humankind, lead to the **elimination** of all obstacles barring mutually advantageous economic collaboration, and ensure the use of the new breakthroughs in science and technology to the **end** of promoting economic and social progress throughout the world. Romania further speaks up for finding **new ways** to start genuine negotiations within the UN, between the developed and the developing countries, on the problems of development and establishing a new international economic **order** as a whole.

5. The continued colonialist and neocolonialist, apartheid and racial discrimination policies are **anachronic** phenomena at the end of this century, a grave trespass of the fundamental right of individual and peoples to decide self-reliantly on their development path, and of the new principles of international relations, of the very **goals** of the International Year of Peace. Alongside the whole international community, Romania will work most firmly for the fulfilment of the **Namibian** people's inalienable right to free and independent development, for putting an end to the inhuman apartheid and racial discrimination policies in South Africa.

8. Implementing the goals of the International Year of Peace, finding just and lasting solutions to the stringent problems in the international life can only be done with the direct participation, on an equal footing, of all the states irrespective of their size or social system, of their economic or military potential. World peace **and** security **can** only be achieved through the joint action of all the political factors and of the world's **nations**. Expressing the mandate entrusted to it by the people, the Grand National Assembly will collaborate actively with all the democratic and progressive forces in the struggle to build a luminous future, for understanding,

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peace and collaboration. The lasting basis for strengthening **interstate** confidence, for preserving peace and security is **the unflinching observance** of the principles of national independence and sovereignty, full equality of rights, **non-interference** in the domestic affairs, renunciation to force and to the threat of force.

7. The United Nations **Organization** and the other international **organizations**, including the Inter-Parliamentary Union, are called upon to make a greater contribution to attaining these noble **goals**, by **working** consistently to **harmonize** the stances and efforts of all the members towards developing collaboration and ensuring peace in the world. **Romania** speaks up for an enhanced role of the UN and other international bodies in **democratically** debating and solving the problems regarding **international** peace, security and collaboration, the **ensurance** of the **peoples'** right to a free and independent development,

8. Expressing the **Romanian** people's unflinching will of peace and collaboration, the Grand National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Romania addresses a vibrant call to the parliaments of the European states, of all the countries in the world, to work steadily in order to determine the **conclusion** of understandings opening the path to disarmament, to removing the nuclear danger, to ensuring the solution of the major problems confronting mankind, in the interest of all the peoples, of mankind's peaceful future.

An immense **responsability** is incumbent **on** us, the members of the legislative *forums* of the world states, to **make** the International Year of Peace be recorded not as a year of statements and **proclamations** but as an effective beginning towards **disarmament**, and halting of confrontations as well as towards a new policy *of* building a **work'** of peace and understanding, free of weapons and wars.

By endorsing the present Declaration, the Grand National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Romania will work and collaborate tightly with the **parliaments** of all the states, with all the **peace-loving** forces so that 1988 — the International Year of Peace — may mark a **turn** of **historic** importance in the international life, towards safeguarding and **maintaining** peace, detente, security and collaboration in **the world**.

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