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Letter dated 9 May 1986 from the Permanent Representative of Greece
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit a letter dated 8 May 1986, addressed to Your Excellency by the Prime Minister of Greece Mr. **Andreas Papandreu**, in connection with the **recent tragic accident** at the nuclear plant in Chernobyl.

May I request Your Excellency to have this letter circulated as an **official** document of the **General Assembly**, under **items 14, 37, 50, 51, 58** and 65, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) **Mihalis DOUNTAS**
Ambassador

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ANNEX

Letter dated 8 May 1986 from the Prime Minister of Greece
addressed to the Secretary-General

After the tragic nuclear accident of Chernobyl, I would like **to** share with you the thoughts and feelings that are present in our minds at this moment. These thoughts and feelings have at some time or other and on many occasions been expressed by Greece.

I suppose that you agree with me that the nuclear accident of Chernobyl constitutes an obvious manifestation of the risks of nuclear catastrophe threatening mankind. Such a catastrophe can mainly be the result of the proliferation of nuclear weapons, but also of some human or technical error.

It might not belong to the present context to remind you of the well-known positions and initiatives undertaken by the Greek Government, on its own as well as collectively, especially within the framework of the activities of the "Six" leaders. The "five continents peace initiative" deals with peace, the reduction of all kinds of armaments, and especially nuclear weapons, the cessation of nuclear tests and a ban on producing, developing and **using** offensive space weapons. Our clear and firm goal is to attain world-wide disarmament, especially nuclear disarmament, **and**, until this aim is reached, to reduce all kinds of nuclear weapons to the lowest possible level.

It is high time for all responsible political leaders of powerful countries to **realize** the need to abandon all expression of noble wishes, altercations or **mutual** accusations and to sum up the overwhelming consequences for our planet as a whole and for every human being that will be the result of nuclear disaster.

Concerning the Chernobyl accident in **particular**, and beyond our above-mentioned long-standing positions, the Greek Government believes that the following measures should be taken immediately:

First: The **freezing** of nuclear tests.

Second: Transparency of control of all reactors without exception, not only by the International Atomic Energy Agency but also by the World Health **Organization**.

Third: The continuous and automatic exchange of responsible information on any development **occurring** in nuclear plants.

Fourth: The cessation of the construction of breeder reactors. Building such reactors includes the real danger of transforming mankind from a human society into a plutonium society. It is obvious that the peoples of the world are in no case disposed to tolerate such a transformation.

Guided by the thoughts I have put forward above, I leave it to your judgement to examine the opportunity of undertaking all due initiatives for the realization of the above-mentioned points. The United Nations Charter entrusts you with the necessary power.

Please be reassured that in these endeavours you shall find, at least on the part of the Greek Government, every possible assistance and response, and You will earn the gratitude of billions of human beings who daily struggle to remain what they are.
