SECOND UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE

Letter dated 3 April 1969 from the Permanent Representative of Romania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

With reference to the letter of 3 March 1969 from the Permanent Representatives of France, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, which was circulated on 4 March 1969 as a document of the General Assembly under the symbol A/7521, I have the honour, on the instructions of my Government, to state the following:

The Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania considers it necessary to reaffirm its well-known position that one of the realities of history which emerged and became established after the Second World War is the existence of two German States - the German Democratic Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany. Recognition of this reality is one of the necessary premises for approaching the questions of peace and security in Europe in a reasonable and effective manner.

The German Democratic Republic, an independent and sovereign State, is a factor which must be reckoned with in international life. Its Government is the only one entitled to represent the German Democratic Republic in international relations.

Consequently, the allegations contained in the letter of 3 March 1969 from the representatives of France, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, which ignore this reality, are baseless.

I would ask you to have the present letter circulated as an official document of the General Assembly.

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