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PROBLEMS OF THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

Letter dated 19 November 1969 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of Romania to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

On the instruction of my Government, I have the honour to draw your attention to the cable addressed to you by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the German Democratic Republic, Otto Winzer, containing the statement of the Government of the German Democratic Republic on agenda item 21 (Problems of human environment: report of the Secretary-General).

I should be grateful if you would have the above-mentioned statement, the text of which is annexed, circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, in view of the coming discussion of item 21.

(Signed) Ion DUMA
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Berlin, 14 November 1969

Excellency,

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the German Democratic Republic has the honour to communicate to you the following Statement of the Government of the German Democratic Republic on agenda item 21 (Problems of human environment: report of the Secretary-General).

The Government of the German Democratic Republic has taken note of the fact that the twenty-fourth session of the United Nations General Assembly has before it a draft resolution dealing with matters of preparing for a United Nations Conference on the Human Environment.

The subject of such a conference is of great interest to the German Democratic Republic. The German Democratic Republic considers that protecting nature, rationally utilizing soil and waters and keeping the air clean are important tasks of State, society and any one citizen, and has laid down this principle also in its socialist Constitution. It holds that human environment can be rationally moulded by complex, interlacing measures to protect the landscape and improve the natural resources for society's life and production - soil, water, air and flore and fauna as a whole. Relevant experience gained in the German Democratic Republic could be submitted to the Conference.

The Government of the German Democratic Republic declares its readiness to participate in the planned Conference. It is satisfied to note in this context that at the forty-seventh session of the United Nations Economic and Social Council a number of States have pleaded for universal participation in the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment.

The Government of the German Democratic Republic expresses its expectation that such a position will meet with general agreement at the twenty-fourth session of the General Assembly so that questions which the Conference will deal with can be discussed in an atmosphere of equality based on the co-operation of all States.

Mrs. Angie Brooks
President of the twenty-fourth session
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I should be grateful to Your Excellency if, in connexion with agenda item 21, you would bring this statement as an official document to the notice of the delegations attending the twenty-fourth session of the United Nations General Assembly.

With assurances of my highest consideration,

Otto WINZER
Minister of Foreign Affairs of the
German Democratic Republic