AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE

Note verbale dated 19 June 1974 from the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to the Secretary-General's note of 21 February 1974 and under instructions of its Government, has the honour to communicate the following:

The Government of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia avails itself of this opportunity to recall that its views concerning the convening of a world disarmament conference are contained in the reply it had sent to the Secretary-General on 31 August 1972 (A/8818). It wishes to emphasize, at the same time, that the position taken by the Government of the SFR of Yugoslavia in this matter has been fully justified by the most recent developments in the world, namely, that even greater efforts should be invested in order to make it possible to convene - after appropriate preparations - a world disarmament conference as soon as possible.

The Government of the SFR of Yugoslavia wishes to draw attention to the fact that - bearing in mind the great importance of disarmament for peace, international security and development in the world - the Fourth Summit Conference of non-aligned countries, held in Algiers in September 1973, devoted particular attention to this question, demanding, in paragraph 75 of its Political Declaration, that a world disarmament conference, with the participation of all States, should be convened as soon as possible. The Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, as an active participant in the said Conference, fully supports this stand.

In view of the ever more resolute demands of the vast majority of countries, of non-aligned countries in particular, and proceeding from the imperative need to exert further efforts for the purpose of strengthening peace in the world and promoting the relaxation of tensions, the Government of the SFR of Yugoslavia wishes to reiterate its firm determination to do all in its power with a view to contributing to the realization of the demand for the convening of a world disarmament conference, convinced that the holding of a world disarmament conference would greatly contribute to the strengthening of world peace and promote the process of disarmament.