Ad Hoc Committee on the World
Disarmament Conference

Note verbale dated 26 July 1974 from the Permanent Mission of Ghana
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

"Ghana is of the firm view that whatever is likely to contribute in any
measure, however, small, to disarmament, deserves to be encouraged and supported
to the utmost capacity of States Members of the United Nations Organization.
Ghana's position with regard to the conference has been clearly indicated in her
statements in the General Assembly and in the First Committee, which has been
considering the item of agenda.

"It is the view of the Ghana Government, that so long as nuclear weapons
continue to be piled up with the implied diversion of immense human and material
resources to destructive purposes, so long will the peace and security to which the
international community aspires elude mankind.

"Assuming the genuine desire of the nuclear countries to translate their
professions of peaceful intentions into reality, the proposed World Disarmament
Conference will, with their participation, prove an important factor towards
decreasing the tension besetting the international community at present. This
would be particularly welcome to the non-nuclear members of the United Nations
Organization, specifically the developing countries. A conference of the nature
envisioned will, no doubt, help to impress upon all mankind the universal nature
of our concern for world peace and security.

"It is for reasons such as these that Ghana welcomed the establishment of
the Ad Hoc Committee in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3183 (XXVIII).
Ghana strongly supports the holding of the proposed world disarmament conference.