LETTER DATED 25 AUGUST 1987 ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF
THE CONFERENCE TRANSMITTING THE MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE
COUNCIL OF STATE OF THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC ADDRESSED TO THE
PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the message of the
President of the Council of State of the Polish People's Republic,
Wojciech Jaruzelski, to the President of the International Conference on the
Relationship between Disarmament and Development.

I would be grateful if you could kindly transmit the message to the President
of the Conference and could arrange for it to be circulated as a document of the
Conference.

(Signed) Eugeniusz NOWORYTA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
to the United Nations
MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE OF THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC, WOJCIECH JARUZELSKI, TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

I would like to express the full support of the Polish People's Republic to the important objectives of the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development. Its convening at this very moment has a particular significance. More than any time in the past there exists an obvious link between the necessity of progress in the field of disarmament and the perspectives of social and economical development.

The armaments race, particularly the nuclear one and its extension into new realms, including outer space, creates a real danger of annihilation of humankind and of life on earth. It immensely burdens the world economy as a whole and the economic conditions of many countries. By the same token it renders difficult the fulfilment of the justified aspirations of many nations and particularly those of the developing countries. Therefore a decisive turning-point in the field of arms reduction and disarmament has become a most urgent necessity of our times.

We fully share the view that it is purposeful and necessary substantially to support the developing countries, particularly the less developed ones, so as to secure them better conditions for their social and economic development, to level the gap in the quality of life between them and the more highly developed countries. In the case of positive results of the disarmament dialogue, Poland - notwithstanding its own economic problems - would be ready to allocate a specified part of released resources to the development of mutually advantageous co-operation with the developing countries.

The elaboration of proper forms of international co-operation to change the present dependence between disarmament and development would also contribute to the growth of confidence among States as well as to the establishment of a comprehensive system of peace and international security. All States of the world are deeply interested in achieving that goal.

Poland, proceeding from its historical experience, gives special value to safeguarding peace in the world and it supports all actions aimed at achieving this goal. We also put forward our own initiatives such as the plan on decreasing armaments and increasing confidence in Central Europe. Making it a reality would have a positive impact on the situation not only in this sensitive region, and would also constitute an important contribution to the improvement of the climate of confidence and co-operation in the world at large.

I would like to assure you that the delegation of Poland is ready to participate in the Conference in such a spirit. I wish the Conference the attainment of the goals that it has set for itself.