LETTER DATED 25 AUGUST 1987 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF MONGOLIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE

I have the honour to transmit herewith the message of Jambyn Batmunkh, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party and Chairman of the Presidium of the Great People's Khural of the Mongolian People's Republic, addressed to the participants in the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development.

(Signed) Gendengiin NYAMDOO
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of the Mongolian People's Republic to the United Nations
MESSAGE DATED 24 AUGUST 1987 FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF
THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY AND CHAIRMAN OF
THE PRESIDIUM OF THE GREAT PEOPLE'S KHURAL OF THE MONGOLIAN
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC ADDRESSED TO THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

On behalf of the Presidium of the Great People's Khural and the Government of
the Mongolian People's Republic and in my personal capacity, I convey my greetings to you, the participants in the international Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development. The issues under discussion at the Conference are of particular interest, since disarmament and development today are vitally important problems whose solution will determine the fate of all mankind and the further progress of civilization itself on our planet. In welcoming the convening of your Conference, the Mongolian People's Republic believes that it is precisely disarmament which is the main way to achieve universal and stable peace and can and must serve as a major catalyst for the social and economic development of the entire world community. However, the arms race, particularly the nuclear arms race, is not only continuing, but is increasing in scope and intensity, and involving a growing number of States, including developing countries. Hence there is a need not only to recognize the new characteristics the arms race has acquired in the nuclear and space age, but also to take effective joint measures to curb and halt it. This places a special responsibility on your Conference.

We are convinced that the adoption of effective disarmament measures would create favourable conditions for remedying such twentieth-century ills as underdevelopment, the external debt, poverty, hunger, illiteracy and so forth. Disarmament must become a practical reality, and every step in this field must be accompanied by the release of additional resources for development and international co-operation.

The Mongolian People's Republic, like many other peace-loving States, considers that your Conference must become an important milestone in efforts to strengthen the concept of the relationship between disarmament and development in world politics and to promote practical implementation of the constructive proposals made by the socialist and other countries for achieving genuine disarmament and creating a non-nuclear and non-violent world. The Government of the Mongolian People's Republic will continue to co-operate with all forces in favour of disarmament for development.

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I wish you great success in the work of the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development and hope that the Conference will successfully cope with its task.

J. BATMUNKH
General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party,
Chairman of the Presidium of the Great People's Khural of the Mongolian People's Republic