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LETTER DATED 16 SEPTEMBER 1968 FROM THE DELEGATION OF THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY ADDRESSED TO THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
OF THE CONFERENCE OF NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES

May I refer to Document A/CONF.35/DOC.7 of 3 July 1968 containing the paper by Dr. Andrzej Skowronski on "CONSIDERATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION BY NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES TO UNDERTAKE THE PREVENTION OF THE PRODUCTION, ACQUISITION OF AND USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS".

The Delegation of the Federal Republic of Germany would like to draw your attention to the fact that the enumeration of "Unilateral instruments effected by non-nuclear-weapon States" does not contain a reference to the 1954 undertaking by the Federal Republic of Germany not to manufacture nuclear, chemical or biological weapons.

The same applies to the item "Unilateral instruments of a political nature" which makes no mention of pertinent German declarations, either.

I would, therefore, be most grateful if you would be kind enough to circulate the attached addendum to all Delegations to the Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States in the same way as the document in question (A/CONF.35/DOC.7 of 3 July 1968).

Yours, etc.

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DELEGATION OF THE
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Addendum to Document A/Conf.35/Doc.7

The Delegation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States refers to the paper "CONSIDERATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION BY NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES TO UNDERTAKE THE PREVENTION OF THE PRODUCTION, ACQUISITION OF AND USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS" by Dr. Andrzej Skowronski. It wishes to point out that the statement of facts is incomplete in some points and that it therefore needs supplementing.

Under the heading "Unilateral instruments of a contractual nature" (Chapter II, 1, A on page 5 of the English version), the paper makes no mention of the undertaking by the Federal Republic of Germany not to manufacture nuclear, chemical or biological weapons and does not mention the respective international controls.

Delegations are, therefore, kindly requested to note that, in the Final Act of the Nine-Power Conference signed at London on 3 October 1954, the Federal Republic of Germany has undertaken not to manufacture on its territory nuclear, chemical or biological weapons.

This undertaking has been embodied in Protocol No. III to the Treaty constituting the Western European Union signed at Paris on 23 October 1954 and is subject to international controls by the Organization of that Treaty.

In addition, there are the safeguards applied by EURATOM which give assurance that source and special fissionable material in the Federal Republic of Germany is used exclusively for peaceful purposes.

It is also brought to the attention of Delegations that, under the heading "Unilateral instruments of a political nature" (Chapter II, 1, C on page 5 of the English version), no mention is made of the fact that renunciation of the production as well as the acquisition of nuclear weapons has always been a matter of policy of successive Governments of the Federal Republic of Germany, as has been stated for example by the present Federal Government in its government statement to the German Bundestag on 13 December 1966.