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LETTER DATED 27 SEPTEMBER 1968 FROM THE DELEGATIONS OF BULGARIA,
CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HUNGARY, POLAND AND THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST
REPUBLICS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE OF
NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES

In a letter dated September 27th 1968 and circulated as Conference Document the delegations of the United States of America, the United Kingdom, the Federal Republic of Germany and France advanced certain absurd claims in respect of the representation of the German people.

As the undersigned delegations have already stated on many previous occasions those claims can only be regarded as an unrealistic attempt to represent wishful thinking as facts. No matter how often such allegations may be expressed, their repetition does not lend them conviction, let alone legal force under international law. The West German Government's unwarranted claim to represent the whole German people has no foundation whatsoever and is prejudicial to international co-operation among the European peoples. The West German Government has no right to speak for any other State and is in fact unable to do so.

Both the German Democratic Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany enjoy equal rights in international relations and bear equal obligations, as do all other independent sovereign States in the world.

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We have the honour to request you to circulate this letter as an official document of the Conference of Non-Nuclear-Weapon States.

Accept etc.

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