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(SPEECH BY LEONID ILICH BREZHNEV, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE, AT A ROMANIAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP RALLY IN BUCHAREST ON 24 NOVEMBER--LIVE)

(TEXT) ESTEEMED COMRADE CEAUSESCU, DEAR COMRADES AND FRIENDS, ON BEHALF OF THE 16 MILLION SOVIET COMMUNISTS AND ALL THE SOVIET PEOPLE, I CONVEY TO THE WORKING PEOPLE OF BUCHAREST, TO THE COMMUNISTS OF ROMANIA, AND TO ALL THE ROMANIAN PEOPLE WARM FRATERNAL GREETINGS. (APPLAUSE)

I HIGHLY APPRECIATE HAVING AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AT THIS MEETING AND WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART, DEAR FRIENDS, FOR THE MOVING AND CORDIAL RECEPTION ACCORDED ME AND MY COMRADES. IN PARTICULAR I WOULD LIKE TO THANK COMRADE NICOLAE CEAUSESCU, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE ROMANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY AND PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA, FOR HIS GOOD WORDS ABOUT OUR COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE SOVIET PEOPLE.

COMRADE CEAUSESCU EVALUATED HIGHLY THE RESULTS OF OUR TALKS; WE AGREE WITH HIS EVALUATION. (APPLAUSE) THE JOINT SOVIET-ROMANIAN STATEMENT ON THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION AND FRATERNAL FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE CPSU AND THE ROMANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY, BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND ROMANIA, WHICH WE HAVE JUST SIGNED, CONFIRMS THIS ONCE AGAIN. OUR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WAS USEFUL AND FRUITFUL. THE TALKS HAVE BROADENED MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN OUR PARTIES AND STRENGTHENED THE ATMOSPHERE OF TRUST WHICH IS SO IMPORTANT FOR THE FURTHER CONSOLIDATION OF OUR FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DEFINE JOINTLY NEW FRONTIERS FOR OUR COOPERATION IN KEY DIRECTIONS.

FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE SOVIET AND ROMANIAN PEOPLES HAS ITS ROOTS DEEP IN CENTURIES LONG PAST. THE PEOPLE'S MEMORY CAREFULLY RETAINS THE EVENTS OF A CENTURY AGO WHEN, THANKS TO THE CONCERTED STRUGGLE OF OUR PEOPLES, INDEPENDENCE WAS RESTORED TO ROMANIA AND OTHER BALKAN STATES. AND COULD SOVIET PEOPLE REALLY FORGET THE PROFUNDITY OF THE RESPONSE IN THE HEARTS OF THE ROMANIAN WORKING PEOPLE TO THE VALIANT EPOPEE OF THE REVOLUTIONARY BATTLESHIP POTEMKIN, RISING IN REVOLT IN 1905? THE INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY OF THE ROMANIAN WORKERS SAVED THE HEROES OF THE POTEMKIN FROM BEING HANDED OVER TO THE TSARIST AUTHORITIES.

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THE THUNDER OF THE GREAT OCTOBER SOCIALIST REVOLUTION AWOKED A POWERFUL ECHO IN ROMANIA. VLADIMIR ILICH LENIN, REMARKING ON THE REVOLUTIONARY ACTIONS OF THE ROMANIAN PROLETARIAT AND PEASANTRY, SAID THAT THE FIRE OF PROLETARIAN REBELLION HAS SPREAD INTO ROMANIA. THESE WERE THE PRECURSORS OF THE DECISIVE BATTLES OF THE ROMANIAN WORKING CLASS, LED BY THE COMMUNISTS, AGAINST THE BOURGEOIS AND LANDOWNER AUTHORITIES.

AND WHEN THE DARK NIGHT OF FASCISM DESCENDED OVER YOUR COUNTRY IT WAS THE COMMUNISTS IN ROMANIA WHO RAISED THE STANDARD OF BATTLE AGAINST THE HITLERITES AND THEIR ACCOMPLICES. DURING THE ADVANCE AGAINST HITLER'S ARMY ON THE SOVIET-GERMAN FRONT, ROMANIAN COMMUNISTS CARRIED OUT THEIR VICTORIOUS AUGUST UPRISING AND CAST OFF THE FASCIST REGIME. SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH THE SOVIET ARMY, WITH ANTIFASCISTS AND PROLETARIANS, WITH THE PATRIOTS OF OTHER COUNTRIES, THE BEST SONS OF THE ROMANIAN PEOPLE TOOK PART IN THE FINAL FIGHT AGAINST THE NAZIR ENSLAVERS. (APPLAUSE)

AND IT IS QUITE NATURAL THAT THE NEW PEOPLE'S ROMANIA, HAVING BEEN BORN IN THE CRUCIBLE OF THESE SEVERE TRIALS, SHOULD IN THE FIRST DAYS OF ITS EXISTENCE ESTABLISH RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP WITH THE SOVIET UNION. (APPLAUSE) IN THE FIRST DAYS OF ITS EXISTENCE IT BECAME AN ACTIVE AND RESPECTED MEMBER OF THE FRIENDLY FAMILY OF STATES WHICH HAD SET OUT ALONG THE ROAD LEADING TO SOCIALISM. (APPLAUSE)

THE SOVIET AND ROMANIAN COMMUNISTS HAVE DRAWN THEIR CONCLUSIONS FROM THE EXPERIENCE OF HISTORY. TODAY OUR RELATIONS HAVE BEEN SEALED IN THE TREATY ON FRIENDSHIP, COOPERATION AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE. THIS TREATY IS BASED ON THE INDISPUTABLE PRINCIPLES OF EQUAL RIGHTS, INDEPENDENCE, NONINTERFERENCE IN EACH OTHER'S DOMESTIC AFFAIRS, COMBINED WITH COMRADELY MUTUAL ASSISTANCE AND LOYALTY TO PROLETARIAN SOCIALIST INTERNATIONALISM. (APPLAUSE)

IT EXPRESSES THE WILL OF OUR COMMUNIST PARTIES AND THE DETERMINATION OF THE SOVIET AND ROMANIAN PEOPLES TO SAFEGUARD AND MULTIPLY THE FRUITS OF SOVIET-ROMANIAN FRIENDSHIP. (APPLAUSE) AND WE SHALL FIRMLY FOLLOW THE LETTER AND THE SPIRIT OF THAT TREATY. (APPLAUSE)

COMRADES, SOVIET PEOPLE VALUE HIGHLY THE REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE ROMANIAN WORKING CLASS, COOPERATIVE PEASANTRY AND INTELLIGENTSIA WHICH, UNDER THE TESTED LEADERSHIP OF THE PARTY OF COMMUNISTS, HAVE TRANSFORMED THEIR COUNTRY. WE SEE WITH GREAT SATISFACTION THAT THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA TODAY IS A COUNTRY WITH RAPID RATES OF DEVELOPMENT, AN UNSWERVINGLY GROWING MODERN INDUSTRY, AND A WELL-ORGANIZED COOPERATIVE AGRICULTURE. THE DECISIONS OF THE 11TH CONGRESS OF THE ROMANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY AND ALL ACTIVITIES OF YOUR PARTY LED BY ITS LEADER, COMRADE NICOLAE CEAUSESCU, ARE LEADING THE COUNTRY TO NEW HEIGHTS IN THE BUILDING OF SOCIALISM. (APPLAUSE)

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FIRST ADD 23 (BREZHNEV SPEECH)

XXX OF SOCIALISM. (APPLAUSE)

(TEXT) IN YOUR GREAT WORK TO CREATE AN ADVANCED SOCIALIST SOCIETY ON THE LAND OF ROMANIA YOU CAN ALWAYS COUNT UPON THE SOLIDARITY OF THE COMMUNISTS OF OUR COUNTRY AND ALL SOVIET PEOPLE: (APPLAUSE)

THE GREAT CONCEPT OF FRIENDSHIP IS USUALLY LOOKED UPON AS A PURELY EMOTIONAL CATEGORY. HOWEVER I THINK THAT FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN SOCIALIST COUNTRIES IS AN ALTOGETHER FULLER CONCEPT. IT IS PRIMARILY A POLITICAL CATEGORY. IT MANIFESTS ITSELF IN THE HISTORICALLY OCCASIONED AND PROFOUNDLY CONSCIOUS POLICY ACCORDING TO WHICH THE BROADEST MASSES OF THE PEOPLE BEHAVE. THE COMMUNISTS IN THE COUNTRIES OF SOCIALISM ARE JUSTIFIABLY PROUD THAT THEY HAVE SHOWN IN PRACTICE AN EXAMPLE OF STATE RELATIONS FREED FROM NATIONAL EGOISM AND FILLED WITH ATTENTIVENESS TO THE INTERESTS OF FRIENDS ABROAD AND COMRADES IN THE FIGHT FOR THE MARXIST-LENINIST IDEALS. (APPLAUSE)

IN PLACES WHERE THE THE EXPLOITING RULING CLASSES HAVE OVER THE CENTURIES SOWN DISSENSION AND ALIENATION BETWEEN NATIONS WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PLANT THE SEEDS OF FRIENDSHIP WHICH HAVE PRODUCED MIGHTY AND COPIOUS ROOTS. THE GREAT NUMBER OF MUTUAL BONDS WHICH AT PRESENT UNITE THE FRATERNAL COUNTRIES OF SOCIALISM FORM A STRIKINGLY RICH AND CLEAR PICTURE OF THE COOPERATION BETWEEN PARTIES, STATE BODIES AND PRODUCTION COLLECTIVES.

THIS IS THE COOPERATION OF MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF PEOPLE, UNITED BY COMMON AIMS AND IDEALS AND BY A FEELING OF COMRADESHIP AND MUTUAL TRUST. SUCH FRIENDSHIP IS A GOOD SUPPORT IN THE SOLUTION OF EACH SOCIALIST COUNTRY'S NATIONAL TASKS. MOREOVER, IT SERVES WELL THE STRENGTHENING OF THE COMMON POSITION OF WORLD SOCIALISM. (APPLAUSE) AND OUR CLASS OPPONENTS KNOW THIS. THAT IS WHY THEY TRY SO ASSIDUOUSLY TO EXPLOIT ANY DIFFICULTY (SLOZHNOST) IN RELATIONS BETWEEN SOCIALIST STATES, AND STRIVE IN EVERY WAY TO PROVOKE COMPLICATIONS AND SOW SUSPICION AND MUTUAL DISTRUST, TO SLANDER OUR COUNTRIES, AND TO DISTORT OUR POLICIES AND THE ESSENCE OF OUR RELATIONS. THE IMPERIALISTS UNAMBIGUOUSLY FOLLOW IN THIS RESPECT, I WOULD SAY, THE CYNICAL PRINCIPLE; THE WORSE, THE BETTER.

BUT WE COUNTRIES OF SOCIALISM, ARE ALSO, AS THEY SAY, NOBODY'S FOOL. WE SHALL NOT GIVE THE IMPERIALISTS THE PLEASURE OF WHICH THEY DREAM. THE BEST ANSWER TO OUR COMMON ILL-WISHERS IS THE MULTIPLICATION OF EFFORTS IN THE COHESION OF THE COUNTRIES OF SOCIALISM ON THE PRINCIPLES OF MARXISM-LENINISM AND PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM, AND THE DEEPENING OF OUR COOPERATION IN RESOLVING THE CARDINAL TASKS OF SOCIALIST AND COMMUNIST CONSTRUCTION. AND YOU AND WE, COMRADES, ARE DOING PRECISELY THIS. (APPLAUSE)

IN SAYING THIS, I HAVE IN MIND NOT ONLY THE INTENSIFICATION OF COOPERATION IN ITS MANY ASPECTS BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES OF THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY WHICH ARE MEMBERS OF THE WARSAW PACT AND CEMA, BUT THE STRENGTHENING OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN ALL THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WITHOUT EXFEPTION. (APPLAUSE)

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THIS TASK, AS YOU KNOW, IS NOT ALTOGETHER SIMPLE OR EASY AT PRESENT, BUT ITS TREMENDOUS HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE, I THINK, IS CLEAR TO US ALL, AND ONE CAN CONCLUDE WITH GREAT SATISFACTION THAT BOTH OUR COUNTRIES--THE SOVIET UNION AND ROMANIA--AND BOTH OUR COMMUNIST PARTIES, ARE STRIVING TO DO EVERYTHING WITHIN THEIR POWER TO ACHIEVE THIS MOST IMPORTANT AIM, AS IS DEMANDED BY THE INTERESTS OF A STABLE PEACE, THE INTERESTS OF SOCIALISM, THE INTERESTS OF THE FREEDOM, INDEPENDENCE AND PROGRESS OF ALL THE PEOPLES. (APPLAUSE)

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT ROMANIA, THE SOVIET UNION AND ALL THE COUNTRIES OF CEMA ARE CURRENTLY DEVELOPING WORK ON A LONG-TERM PROGRAM WITH SPECIFIC GOALS IN MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION. THEIR IMPLEMENTATION WILL ENABLE A MORE FULL SATISFACTION OF THE DEMANDS OF ALL THE FRATERNAL STATES FOR POWER, RAW MATERIALS, FOOD, CONSUMER GOODS, ENGINEERING PRODUCTS AND MEANS OF TRANSPORT. SUCH COOPERATION IS A RELIABLE MATERIAL BASIS OF OUR FRIENDSHIP.

NONE OF US, OF COURSE, IS PREPARING TO FENCE HIMSELF OFF FROM THE REST OF THE WORLD. THE SOVIET UNION, ROMANIA AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES CONSISTENTLY ADVOCATE A BROAD DEVELOPMENT OF EQUITABLE AND MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG ALL STATES. WE ARE AGAINST ANY DISCRIMINATION IN TRADE AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS. AS PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE SHOWS, DISCRIMINATION IS OFTEN USED BY CAPITALIST COUNTRIES WHICH, BY IRONY OF FATE, STILL CONTINUE TO CALL THEMSELVES ADHERENTS OF SO-CALLED FREE TRADE.

SOCIALIST COUNTRIES CONSISTENTLY COME FORTH FOR THE FORMATION OF JUST INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND FOR THE RESPECT OF RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF THE STATES THAT HAVE LIBERATED THEMSELVES FROM COLONIAL OPPRESSION AND WHICH PUT FULLY LEGITIMATE DEMANDS TO IMPERIALISM FOR COMPENSATION FOR WHAT THEY GOT BY ROBBERY. WE HAVE HELPED SUCH BROTHERS, AND SHALL CONTINUE TO HELP THOSE PEOPLES WHO THAT FREED THEMSELVES TO OVERCOME THE CONSEQUENCES OF COLONIALISM AND NEOCOLONIALISM.

TODAY THE SOCIALIST PATH IS BECOMING A LANDMARK FOR MORE AND MORE PEOPLES WHO SEE IT AS THE CORRECT PATH TO A BETTER FUTURE. THE ECONOMY OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES IS DEVELOPING CONFIDENTLY. THE PEOPLE'S PROSPERITY IS RISING ALL THE TIME; CULTURE IS FLOURISHING. HONEST TOILERS ENJOY TREMENDOUS PRESTIGE IN OUR SOCIETY. THE PARTICIPATION OF MILLIONS OF WORKERS, PEASANTS AND INTELLIGENTSIA IN RUNNING SOCIAL AFFAIRS IS MULTIFARIOUS.

THE PEACE-LOVING FOREIGN POLICY OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND THEIR CONSTANT INTERNATIONALIST READINESS TO SUPPORT THE JUST CAUSE OF FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE OF PEOPLES IS CONSISTENT AND ACTIVE. (APPLAUSE)

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SECOND ADD 23 (BREZHNEV SPEECH)

XXX AND ACTIVE. (APPLAUSE)

(TEXT) ALL THIS IMMENSELY MULTIPLIES THE ATTRACTIVE FORCE OF SOCIALISM IN THE PRESENT-DAY WORLD. OUR CAUSE IS JUST, COMRADES; OUR AIMS ARE NOBLE. THEY CORRESPOND WITH THE INTERESTS OF OUR COUNTRIES AND WITH THOSE OF ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD. OUR PATH IS LIT WITH THE UNFADING LIGHT OF MARXIST-LENINIST TEACHING. THE FUTURE IS IN OUR HANDS. THE FUTURE OF OUR PEOPLE WILL BE HAPPY AND BRIGHT. THEY ARE CREATING IT TODAY WITH THEIR CREATIVE LABOR. BUT TO BRING ABOUT THIS FUTURE, LASTING PEACE IS NECESSARY. (APPLAUSE)

THE FOREIGN POLICY OF OUR STATES IS DIRECTED AT INSURING THIS. YOU KNOW THAT SOCIALISM HAS MANY ENEMIES, FOR NOWHERE DO THE EXPLOITING CLASSES SURRENDER THEIR POSITIONS VOLUNTARILY. THEREFORE WE MAINTAIN VIGILANCE AND ARE COMPELLED TO STRENGTHEN OUR DEFENSE TO STAND GUARD OVER THE PEACEFUL LABOR OF OUR PEOPLES AND TO DEFEND SOCIALISM. BY THE JOINT EFFORTS OF THE WARSAW PACT MEMBERS A DEFENSIVE POTENTIAL HAS BEEN CREATED AND IS MAINTAINED OF SUCH STRENGTH THAT ANY ATTEMPT BY IMPERIALISM TO TAKE VENGEANCE ON SOCIALISM BY MILITARY FORCE IS DOOMED TO A CRUSHING FAILURE. (APPLAUSE)

BY COMBINING OUR MIGHT WITH A CONSISTENT AND SINCERE LOVE OF PEACE, AND BY ADOPTING A COMMONSENSE AND REALISM OF POLITICIANS IN THE CAPITALIST WORLD, WE HAVE SUCCEEDED IN TURNING INTERNATIONAL TENSION, MISTRUST AND HOSTILITY, AND THE FLAMING OF WARLIKE PASSIONS, WHICH WERE CHARACTERISTIC OF THE COLD WAR ERA, INTO A CONSIDERABLY MORE PEACEFUL AND HEALTHY ATMOSPHERE. A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOG BETWEEN THE SOCIALIST AND CAPITALIST STATES HAS BEEN OPENED. MUTUAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THEM, WHICH NOT SO LONG AGO WAS RATHER THE EXCEPTION, HAS NOW BECOME A WIDESPREAD, FIRMLY-ROOTED PHENOMENON. IN A WORD, WHAT VLADIMIR ILICH LENIN, THE LEADER OF THE FIRST SOCIALIST STATE IN THE WORLD, URGED HAS NOW BECOME REALITY. (APPLAUSE)

IN CONDITIONS OF DETENTE, RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES WITH DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS HAVE BEGUN TO DEVELOP ON THE BASIS OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE. THIS, COMRADES, IS AN IMMENSE AND HISTORIC VICTORY FOR MANKIND, AND THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES HAVE UNDOUBTEDLY MADE A DECISIVE CONTRIBUTION TO ITS ACHIEVEMENTS. THEY HAVE MADE A CONTRIBUTION, AND CONTINUE TO DO SO EVERY DAY.

GUIDED BY THE UNDERSTANDING REACHED AT HELSINKI, BY 35 STATES OF EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA, AND AFFIRMED BY THE SIGNATURES OF THEIR LEADERS, INCLUDING THOSE OF COMRADE CEAUSESCU AND MYSELF, ROMANIA, THE SOVIET UNION AND THE OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES OF EUROPE ARE PLAYING AN ACTIVE PART IN THE BUILDING OF PEACEFUL RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES. WE ARE SHOWING CONSTANT INITIATIVE IN THIS MATTER. (APPLAUSE)

THE DOZENS OF VERY IMPORTANT POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND OTHER TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS, WHICH ARE INTENSIVELY DEVELOPING ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC TIES, AND CONTACTS BETWEEN PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS, ARE ALL ASSETS OF OURS, ASSETS FOR PEACE AND GOODNEIGHBORLY RELATIONS, AND THEIR POSSIBILITIES HAVE, OF COURSE, BY NO MEANS BEEN EXHAUSTED.

YOU ARE PROBABLY ACQUAINTED WITH THE SOVIET UNION'S PROPOSALS TO ORGANIZE ALL-EUROPEAN COOPERATION IN SPHERES SUCH AS TRANSPORT, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTS PROTECTION. WE WILL TENACIOUSLY STRIVE TO SEE THESE PUT INTO EFFECT. MANY OTHER TYPES OF MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL COOPERATION IN CONDITIONS OF PEACE ARE OF COURSE ALSO POSSIBLE. EUROPE AWAITS GOOD AND CONSTRUCTIVE INITIATIVES. BUT STABLE PEACE CANNOT BE THE PRIVILEGE OF EUROPE ALONE. PEACE IS INDIVISIBLE. THIS IS TRUER NOW THAN EVER BEFORE. AND WHILE THE HOTBED OF WAR IN THE NEAR EAST REMAINS, WHILE THE ARABS LANDS SEIZED BY AGGRESSION HAVE STILL NOT BEEN RETURNED TO THEM, WHILE THE RIGHT OF THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE TO THEIR FATHERLAND IS REFUSED, WHILE RACIST REGIMES IN PRETORIA AND SALISBURY FLAGRANTLY FLOUR THE RIGHTS OF THE INDIGENOUS POPULATION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA AND SPILL AFRICAN BLOOD, PEACE CANNOT BE GENUINELY STABLE ANYWHERE. TO EXTINGUISH THE HOTBEDS OF THE DANGER OF WAR, TO MAKE DETENTE ALL-EMBRACING, THIS, IN TRUTH, IS THE URGENT DEMAND OF OUR SEA.

AND WE ARE HAPPY, DEAR FRIENDS, THAT IN THE STRUGGLE FOR THE FULFILLMENT OF THESE TASKS, THE SOVIET UNION AND SOCIALIST ROMANIA ARE ADVANCING TOGETHER. (APPLAUSE)

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THIRD AND LAST ADD 23 (BREZHNEV SPEECH)

XXX ADVANCING TOGETHER. (APPLAUSE)

(TEXT) WE ALSO KNOW SOMETHING ELSE, COMRADES. PEACE CANNOT BE LASTING UNTIL AN END IS PUT TO THE ARMS RACE THAT IS AT PRESENT UNLEASHED, TO THE INFLATION OF MILITARY BUDGETS, TO THE CREATION OF INCREASINGLY TERRIFYING MEANS OF MASS DESTRUCTION. THINGS HAVE GOT TO THE POINT WHERE IF ALL THE PRESENT STOCKPILES OF WEAPONS WERE EMPLOYED, MANKIND MIGHT BE WHOLLY DESTROYED. WHERE DOES ONE GO FROM HERE? TO CONTINUE OR TO CEASE THE ARMS RACE: TO MOVE OVER TO DISARMAMENT OR NOT--THESE QUESTIONS ARE TOO SERIOUS TO BE LEFT TO MILITARIST GENERALS FROM THE PENTAGON AND NATO, AND THE MONOPOLIES WHO GET RICH FROM ARMS PRODUCTION. RESPONSIBLE STATESMEN SHOULD ACT IN THIS MATTER; THE POPULAR MASSES SHOULD HAVE THEIR SAY--AFTER ALL, IT IS THEIR FATE THAT IS AT STAKE.

UNDERSTANDING ALL THIS WELL, WE IN THE SOVIET UNION CONSIDER IT OUR DUTY TO DO ALL IN OUR POWER TO PUT AN END AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO THE STOCKPILING OF MEANS OF DESTRUCTION, AND TO ENABLE THE PROCESS OF ARMS REDUCTION TO START. THE ENTIRE WORLD KNOWS THE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS OF THE SOVIET UNION CONCERNING REJECTION OF THE USE OF FORCE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, REJECTION OF THE CREATION OF NEW TYPES OF ARMS OF MASS DESTRUCTION, THE REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS, THE COMPLETE CESSATION OF NUCLEAR ARMS TESTING AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS. WE ARE PLEASED THAT ROMANIA, LIKE THE OTHER FRATERNAL SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, IS WITH US IN THE STRUGGLE FOR THESE AIMS. (APPLAUSE)

OUR COUNTRIES ADVOCATE THE CONVOCATION OF A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO DEAL WITH DISARMAMENT, AND THE PREPARATION OF A WORLD CONFERENCE. WE STRIVE FOR PROGRESS AT THE VIENNA TALKS ON THE REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS AND ARMED FORCES IN CENTRAL EUROPE, WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO FURTHER STEPS IN THIS SPHERE, THIS TIME ON AN ALL-EUROPEAN SCALE.

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WE WOULD LIKE TO HOPE (KHOTIM NADEYATSYA) THAT FOLLOWING THE CHANGE OF ADMINISTRATION IN THE UNITED STATES, THE TALKS WE ARE HOLDING WITH THE AMERICANS ON LIMITATION, AND LATER REDUCTION, OF STRATEGIC ARMS WILL BE CONTINUED AND SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED. THE SATISFACTORY SOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM--AND WE BELIEVE THAT THIS IS POSSIBLE, ESPECIALLY AS ITS MAIN CONTENT WAS AGREED UPON LONG AGO--WILL BE IN LINE WITH THE INTERESTS OF NOT ONLY THE SOVIET AND U.S. PEOPLES, BUT WITH THE INTERESTS OF STRENGTHENING GENERAL PEACE. IT WOULD BE A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR OTHER COUNTRIES.

CONRADES, 10 YEARS AGO HERE IN BUCHAREST, THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES UNITED WITHIN THE WARSAW PACT ADOPTED A DECLARATION ON STRENGTHENING SECURITY IN EUROPE. IT ADVANCED MAJOR IDEAS ON IMPROVING EUROPEAN SECURITY. MANY OF THEM HAVE ALREADY BEEN IMPLEMENTED. IN A FEW DAYS THE NEXT SESSION OF THE POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE WARSAW PACT WILL OPEN HERE. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS TIME TOO THE DECISIONS PASSED IN THE CAPITAL OF ROMANIA WILL SERVE WELL THE INSURING OF THE PEACEFUL FUTURE OF EUROPE AND THE WHOLE WORLD. (APPLAUSE)

IN CONCLUSION, MY FRIENDS, PERMIT ME TO THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR YOUR FRATERNAL WELCOME AND TO WISH ROMANIAN COMMUNISTS AND THE ROMANIAN PEOPLE COMPLETE SUCCESS IN PUTTING INTO EFFECT THE DECISIONS OF THE 11 CONGRESS OF THE ROMANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY, SUCCESS IN THE GREAT AND COMPLEX CAUSE OF BUILDING AN ADVANCED SOCIALIST SOCIETY ON THE LAND OF ROMANIA. (APPLAUSE)

LONG LIVE THE INVOLABLE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE SOVIET AND ROMANIAN PEOPLES! (APPLAUSE AND CHEERS)

LONG LIVE THE CLOSE FRATERNAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE SOVIET AND ROMANIAN COMMUNISTS! (APPLAUSE AND CHEERS)

MAY THE UNITY AND COHESION OF THE COUNTRIES OF SOCIALISM AND ALL REVOLUTIONARY FORCES OF THE PRESENT DAY GROW EVER STRONGER! (APPLAUSE AND CHEERS)

LONG LIVE PEACE AND COMMUNISM! (PROLONGED APPLAUSE AND CHEERS)

(ENDALL)

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