

On 1 February 1968, the ambassador
of Romania in Poland addressed Comrade
Gomułka and presented the following letter
from comrade Ceausescu.

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COMRADE WŁADISŁAW GOMUŁKA
FIRST SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL
COMMITTEE OF THE POLISH UNITED
WORKERS' PARTY
Warsaw

Honorable Comrade Gomułka!

As you know on 18 January 1968, the Eighteen Nation Disarmament Committee started in Geneva a debate with the goal to examine the new project of a treaty on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons.

Taking into consideration the importance which the reduction and elimination of the nuclear insecurity would have for the development of the economical, political, and public life of the socialist and remaining countries, for the whole international community, also considering the implications which affect the basic issues of protecting peace and security of the nations, as well as the fact that Romania has remarks and proposed to improve the foundations of the treaty on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, we regard it as absolutely indispensable that a conference of the socialist countries – members of the Warsaw Treaty – would take place before the presentation of the countries' positions at the Eighteen Nation Disarmament Committee in Geneva. In this sense, the Central Committee of the Romanian Communist Party proposes to call together a Political Consultative Committee – of the Warsaw Treaty member states, in order to examine in every regard the implications of the treaty's project and to find the most appropriate solutions for whose realization the socialist countries would act in unity.

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We consider, that at the new stage of the disarmament negotiations in Geneva, the socialist countries have the possibility to determine the elaboration of such a treaty on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons which would enjoy broad international support and would signify a real step forward on the way of strengthening world peace and security.

Since the Eighteen Nation Disarmament Committee in Geneva has soon to present a statement before the General Assembly of the United Nations on the topic of the negotiations concerning the treaty on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, the Central Committee of the Romanian Communist Party proposes that the meeting of the Political Consultative Committee would take place in February 1968. According to the agreement during the session of the Political Consultative Committee in June 1966, the meeting could take place in Sofia, or in any of the capitals of the Warsaw Treaty member states, and the exact date and place can be agreed through diplomatic channels. We express our conviction that the proposition of the Central Committee of the Romanian Communist Party concerning the convocation of a Political Consultative Committee of the Warsaw Treaty member states will find approval and support by the Central Committee of the Polish United Workers' Party. With communist salute,

Nicolae Ceausescu.
General Secretary of the Central Committee
of the Romanian Communist Party
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