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**Speech by First Secretary of the HSWP
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I would like to congratulate the Soviet Cde.s on signing the USSR-FRG treaty. We fully agree with its content. It constitutes an important step forward in our common struggle. This treaty corresponds with our agreed-upon political line in all its fundamental aspects.

We have fought for the recognition and the strengthening of the GDR's borders. To date, the Second World War has not been concluded with a peace treaty. We agree with Cde. Stoph that the struggle in this area will continue, but we will be able to conduct this struggle from a new and better position. We should fight for the ratification of the USSR-FRG treaty since this will strengthen our position. This is an important problem that we should keep in mind in both our diplomatic and propaganda struggle.

We wish Poland a successful conclusion to its talks with the FRG. We also consider it expedient that the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic should begin negotiations regarding the invalidity of the Munich Agreement. We are also in favor of the talks between the GDR and the FRG, and we support the position of our East German Cde.s in this regard.

We support Cde. Brezhnev's position regarding West Berlin: that Berlin must remain an independent political unit and that the FRG should not be granted any rights to this city. We should take such steps to ensure that West Berlin is no longer a constant hotspot.

All our countries have acted in the spirit of our session in December 1969. The Soviet Cde.s, as well as the Polish and East German ones, have been working in this spirit. We owe the success of the USSR-FRG treaty to our agreed-upon position.

We should develop economic relations with the FRG in accordance with our common goals. We should watch out so that the FRG is not able to pit our countries against each other through these economic agreements.

We think that at the end we should announce a communiqué informing about the problems discussed by us and stressing our uniform position. We should also continue mutual consultations in the future.

We support the creation of a permanent organ in the WTO for foreign policy consultations. We were at one point the initiators of this proposal. Cde. Ceaușescu stated that he is opposed to this idea, as he has done on several other occasions in the past. But why can't the Romanian comrades understand the current situation? If we don't create a permanent organ, then foreign ministers should meet systematically. This will be very beneficial for our common work.

Cde. Brezhnev talked about future tasks. We think that we should stay in close touch, and if new elements arise, then we consult with each other and determine our tasks in terms of political and economic relations with the FRG and with regard to European security. There is a need for further consultations and meetings.

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