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THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Letter dated 18 September 1991 from the Permanent
Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to the letter I sent to you on 28 August 1991, transmitting the letter of His Excellency Mr. Anatoli M. Zlenko, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, addressed to you (see annex).

I request that you circulate the present letter and its annex as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item 68.

(Signed) Guennadi I. OUDOVENKO
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of
Ukraine to the United Nations

ANNEX

Letter dated 26 August 1991 from the Minister for Foreign
Affairs of Ukraine addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that on 24 August 1991 the Supreme Soviet of Ukraine adopted the Act of Declaration of Independence of Ukraine, the text of which reads:

"As a consequence of the deadly threat that hung over Ukraine as a result of the coup d'état in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics of 19 August 1991,

"- Continuing a thousand-year-old tradition of statehood in Ukraine,

"- Proceeding from the right to self-determination, enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and other international legal instruments,

"- In implementation of the Declaration on the State Sovereignty of Ukraine, the Supreme Soviet of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic solemnly

"Declares

"The independence of Ukraine and the creation of an independent Ukrainian State - Ukraine.

"The territory of Ukraine is indivisible and inviolable.

"From now on only the Constitution and the laws of Ukraine are valid in the territory of Ukraine.

"This Act takes effect from the moment of its approval."

In accordance with the resolution of the Supreme Soviet of Ukraine in this respect, as at 24 August 1991 Ukraine is declared an independent democratic State.

The resolution points out that from the moment of the declaration of independence only the Constitution, laws and decrees of the Government and other legislative acts of the Republic are valid in the territory of Ukraine.

It is envisaged to hold a republican referendum to confirm the Act of Declaration of Independence on 1 December 1991.

(Signed) Anatoli ZLENKO
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of Ukraine