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/G.D.R./

On the Reunification of Germany

- I. The so-called German Question comprehends many more problems than that of German reunification. The essential aspect of the German Question, its relevance to discussions at Pugwash Conferences and the concern of the world in its solution, obviously lies in its interdependence with European and international security. The main content of the German Question is to prevent Germany from becoming once again the starting point of a new war or - to put it in a positive way - it is the German contribution to European Security and world peace.
- II. The re-establishment of the unity of state is, however, an eminently important national problem for all Germans. Therefore, the task is to integrate in a step-by-step process both the safeguarding of peace and reunification.
- III. Apart from a variety of difficulties, an immediate reunification is impossible due to the fact that at present two German states are in existence with consolidated and very different social systems. On the other hand, reunification is not even an immediately desirable aim, since many questions connected with /1/ would remain unsolved. Historical experience and logic reminds us that a unified Germany is not automatically a peaceful Germany.
- IV. Since peaceful means towards reunification alone are open to discussion, negotiations between the two German states are indispensable. Official recognition is not preconditional. Such intercourse between the G.D.R. and the F.R.G. has taken place in the past, even though in less vital issues. A start could be made with both Governments standing up for a Peace Treaty. The latter could include such stipulations which would facilitate the reunification, including such regulating all-German elections: A joint or separate declaration of both Governments endorsing the membership of both states in the United Nations would likewise serve to normalize relations between the two.