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SUMMARY OF SPEECH BY MIKHAIL GORBACHYOV

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MOSCOW FEBRUARY 25 TASS +THE 27TH CONGRESS OF THE CPSU HAS GATHERED AT AN ABRUPT TURNING POINT IN THE LIFE OF THE COUNTRY AND THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD AS A WHOLE,+ MIKHAIL GORBACHYOV, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE, SAID TODAY DELIVERING THE POLITICAL REPORT OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE AT THE PARTY'S CONGRESS. HE POINTED OUT THAT DOCUMENTS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE PRESENT CONGRESS WOULD SPEAK OF +WHAT THE SOVIET UNION WILL BE LIKE AS IT ENTERS THE 21ST CENTURY, OF THE IMAGE OF SOCIALISM AND ITS POSITIONS IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA, OF THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY.+

+THE PATH TRAVELLED BY THE COUNTRY, ITS ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ACHIEVEMENTS, CONVINCINGLY CONFIRM THE VITALITY OF THE MARXIST-LENINIST DOCTRINE, AND SOCIALISM'S TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL AS EMBODIED IN THE PROGRESS OF SOVIET SOCIETY. WE CAN BE LEGITIMATELY PROUD OF EVERYTHING THAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED IN THESE YEARS...,+ MIKHAIL GORBACHYOV SAID.

WHILE DULY COMMENDING THE ACHIEVEMENTS, HE CONTINUED, THE LEADERSHIP OF THE CPSU CONSIDERS IT TO BE ITS DUTY TO TELL THE PARTY AND THE PEOPLE HONESTLY AND FRANKLY ABOUT THE DEFICIENCIES IN OUR POLITICAL AND PRACTICAL ACTIVITIES, THE UNFAVOURABLE TENDENCIES IN THE ECONOMY AND THE SOCIAL AND MORAL SPHERE, AND ABOUT THE REASONS FOR THEM.

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NOTING THAT TODAY'S PRIORITY TASK IS TO OVERCOME THE NEGATIVE FACTORS IN SOCIETY'S SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE, MIKHAIL GORBACHYOV SAID THAT THE SITUATION CAME TO A TURNING POINT NOT ONLY IN INTERNAL BUT ALSO IN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. THE MODERN WORLD IS COMPLICATED, DIVERSE AND DYNAMIC, AND SHOT THROUGH WITH CONTENDING TENDENCIES AND CONTRADICTIONS. IT IS A WORLD OF THE MOST INTRICATE ALTERNATIVES, ANXIETIES AND HOPES.

NOTING THAT THE PROGRESS OF THE PRESENT DAY IS RIGHTLY IDENTIFIED WITH SOCIALISM, THE GENERAL SECRETARY CHARACTERISED WORLD SOCIALISM AS A +POWERFUL INTERNATIONAL ENTITY+. +IT ACCOUNTS FOR MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF HUMANITY, FOR DOZENS OF COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES OPENING UP IN EVERY WAY THE INTELLECTUAL AND MORAL WEALTH OF MAN AND SOCIETY.+

+SOCIAL PROGRESS IS EXPRESSED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST AND WORKING-CLASS MOVEMENT AND IN THE GROWTH OF THE NEW MASSIVE DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT OF OUR TIME, INCLUDING THE ANTIWAR AND ANTI-NUCLEAR MOVEMENT,+ MIKHAIL GORBACHYOV CONTINUED. +IT IS APPARENT, TOO, IN THE STRATIFICATION OF THE POLITICAL FORCES OF THE CAPITALIST WORLD, NOTABLY THE USA, THE METROPOLITAN CENTRE OF IMPERIALISM. HERE, PROGRESSIVE TENDENCIES ARE FORCING THEIR WAY FORWARD THROUGH A SYSTEM OF MONOPOLISTIC TOTALITARIANISM, EXPOSED TO THE CONTINUOUS PRESSURE OF ORGANISED REACTIONARY FORCES...+

STRESSING THAT THE PROGRESS OF HUMANITY IS DIRECTLY CONNECTED WITH THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS, MIKHAIL GORBACHYOV POINTED OUT THAT THE FACETS AND CONSEQUENCES OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL REVOLUTION VARIED IN THE DIFFERENT SOCIO-POLITICAL SYSTEMS. +THE CAPITALISM OF THE 1980S, THE CAPITALISM OF THE AGE OF ELECTRONICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE, COMPUTERS AND ROBOTS, IS LEAVING MORE MILLIONS OF PEOPLE, INCLUDING YOUNG AND EDUCATED PEOPLE, WITHOUT JOBS+, THE REPORT SAYS.

THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE DESCRIBED IN DETAIL THE PRINCIPAL CONTRADICTIONS OF THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD, INCLUDING THE INTERNAL CONTRADICTIONS OF THE CAPITALIST SOCIETY. HE DESCRIBED AS THE MOST IMPORTANT ONES THE CONTRADICTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE STATES BELONGING TO TWO SYSTEMS.

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WHILE CAPITALISM REGARDED THE BIRTH OF SOCIALISM AS AN +ERROR+ OF HISTORY WHICH MUST BE +RECTIFIED+ AT ANY COST, BY ANY MEANS, SOCIALISM, AS DISTINCT FROM CAPITALISM, HAS NEVER, OF ITS OWN FREE WILL, RELATED ITS FUTURE TO ANY MILITARY SOLUTION OF INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS, THE SOVIET LEADER POINTED OUT. HOWEVER, THE RULING CIRCLES OF THE IMPERIALIST COUNTRIES CIRCULATE TODAY THE MYTH OF A SOVIET OR COMMUNIST +THREAT+ FOR THE PURPOSE OF JUSTIFYING THE ARMS RACE AND THE IMPERIALIST COUNTRIES' OWN AGGRESSIVENESS.

ALTHOUGH IT IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY CLEAR THAT THE PATH OF WAR CAN YIELD NO SENSIBLE SOLUTIONS, EITHER INTERNATIONAL OR DOMESTIC, IT IS NOT EASY AT ALL, IN THE CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PREDICT THE FUTURE OF THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SOCIALIST AND THE CAPITALIST COUNTRIES, THE USSR AND THE USA. THE DECISIVE FACTORS HERE WILL BE THE CORRELATION OF FORCES ON THE WORLD SCENE, THE GROWTH AND ACTIVITY OF THE PEACE POTENTIAL, AND ITS CAPABILITY OF EFFECTIVELY REPULSING THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR WAR. MUCH WILL DEPEND, TOO, ON THE DEGREE OF REALISM THAT WESTERN RULING CIRCLES

WILL SHOW IN ASSESSING THE SITUATION. +WITH NUCLEAR WAR BEING TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE, PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION OF THE SYSTEMS SHOULD BE THE RULE IN THE INTER-STATE RELATIONS+, MIKHAIL GORBACHYOV SAID.

SPEAKING ABOUT THE DEEPENING OF THE GENERAL CRISIS OF CAPITALISM, THE GENERAL SECRETARY STRESSED THAT ANTI-COMMUNISM AND ANTI-SOVIETISM CONSTITUTED ITS DANGEROUS ASPECT. +THIS CONCERNS NOT ONLY EXTERNAL POLICY. IN THE MODERN-DAY SYSTEM OF IMPERIALISM IT IS ALSO A MOST IMPORTANT AREA OF INTERNAL POLICY, A MEANS OF PRESSURE ON ALL THE ADVANCED AND PROGRESSIVE ELEMENTS THAT LIVE AND FIGHT IN THE CAPITALIST COUNTRIES, IN THE NON-SOCIALIST PART OF THE WORLD,+ MIKHAIL GORBACHYOV SAID.

THE POLITICAL REPORT OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE IDENTIFIED GLOBAL-SCALE CONTRADICTIONS AFFECTING THE VERY FOUNDATIONS OF THE EXISTENCE OF CIVILISATION, AS THOSE OF POLLUTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT, THE AIR AND OCEANS, AND THE EXHAUSTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES. +THE GLOBAL PROBLEMS, AFFECTING ALL HUMANITY, CANNOT BE RESOLVED BY ONE STATE OR A GROUP OF STATES,+ MIKHAIL GORBACHYOV STRESSED. +THIS CALLS FOR COOPERATION ON A WORLDWIDE SCALE, FOR CLOSE AND CONSTRUCTIVE JOINT ACTION BY THE MAJORITY OF COUNTRIES.+

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ON THE CPSU'S DOMESTIC POLICY, MIKHAIL GORBACHYOV SAID THAT THE STRATEGIC COURSE OF THE PARTY AND THE PEOPLE WAS THE ACCELERATION OF THE COUNTRY'S SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. +ACCELERATION OF THE COUNTRY'S SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IS THE KEY TO ALL OUR PROBLEMS: IMMEDIATE AND LONG-TERM, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND IDEOLOGICAL, INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL,+ HE EXPLAINED. +THAT IS THE ONLY WAY A NEW QUALITATIVE CONDITION OF SOVIET SOCIETY CAN AND MUST BE ACHIEVED.+

SPEAKING ABOUT THE RESULTS OF THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRY, MIKHAIL GORBACHYOV SAID THAT IN THE QUARTER OF A CENTURY SINCE THE ADOPTION IN 1961 OF THE THIRD CPSU PROGRAMME, THE FIXED PRODUCTION ASSETS OF THE ECONOMY HAD INCREASED SEVEN TIMES OVER. THE NATIONAL INCOME WENT UP NEARLY 300 PER CENT, INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION -- 400 PER CENT. OVER THE SAME PERIOD REAL PER CAPITA INCOMES HAD GONE UP 160 PER CENT. FIFTY-FOUR MILLION FLATS WERE BUILT. THE TRANSITION HAD BEEN COMPLETED TO UNIVERSAL SECONDARY EDUCATION. THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO FINISHED HIGHER EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS INCREASED FOURFOLD.

MIKHAIL GORBACHYOV ALSO IDENTIFIED A NUMBER OF SHORTCOMINGS AND OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS OF THE USSR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. HE SAID, IN PARTICULAR, THAT DIFFICULTIES BEGAN TO BUILD UP IN THE ECONOMY IN THE 1970S, WITH THE RATES OF ECONOMIC GROWTH DECLINING VISIBLY. AS A RESULT, THE OUTPUT OF MOST TYPES OF INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL GOODS FELL SHORT OF THE TARGETS SET IN THE PAST FIVE-YEAR PERIOD (1981-1985).

THE GENERAL SECRETARY ANALYSED THE REASONS BEHIND THIS AND CALLED FOR DRAWING THE MOST SERIOUS LESSONS. THE MAIN OF THEM ARE A RESPONSIBLE ANALYSIS OF THE PAST, A SENSE OF PURPOSE AND RESOLVE IN PRACTICAL ACTIONS, AND WINNING THE WORKING PEOPLE'S INTEREST MORALLY AND MATERIALLY.

+TODAY, THE PRIME TASK OF THE PARTY AND THE ENTIRE PEOPLE,+ MIKHAIL GORBACHYOV SAID, +IS TO RESOLUTELY REVERSE THE UNFAVOURABLE TENDENCIES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ECONOMY, TO IMPART TO IT THE DUE DYNAMISM...+

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SPEAKING ABOUT THE PROSPECTS OF THE USSR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT BY THE END OF THE CURRENT CENTURY, THE SPEAKER POINTED OUT THAT WE INTEND TO INCREASE THE NATIONAL INCOME NEARLY TWOFOLD WHILE DOUBLING THE PRODUCTION POTENTIAL AND QUALITATIVELY TRANSFORMING IT. LABOUR PRODUCTIVITY WILL GO UP BY 2.3-2.5 TIMES, ENERGY CONSUMPTION PER ROUBLE OF NATIONAL INCOME WILL DROP BY 28.6 PER CENT AND METAL CONSUMPTION BY NEARLY 50 PER CENT+.

THE MAIN FACTORS BEHIND THE LINE TOWARDS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE LARGE-SCALE TRANSFORMATIONS ARE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS AND A FUNDAMENTAL TRANSFORMATION OF SOCIETY'S PRODUCTIVE FORCES. THE SPEAKER POINTED OUT THAT THE STRUCTURAL AND INVESTMENT POLICY WOULD BE CHANGED, MACHINE-BUILDING WOULD DEVELOP AT A PRIORITY RATE, THE TECHNICAL RECONSTRUCTION OF ALL THE BRANCHES OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMY WOULD BE CARRIED OUT, THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENTS WOULD BE RAISED AND THEY WOULD BE INTRODUCED IN PRODUCTION MORE QUICKLY AND THAT THE WHOLE OF THE ECONOMIC MECHANISM WOULD BE IMPROVED.

AMONG TOP PRIORITY TASKS MIKHAIL GORBACHYOV MENTIONED THE PROBLEM OF FULLY MEETING OUR COUNTRY'S FOOD NEEDS. WITH THIS IN VIEW IT IS PLANNED TO MORE THAN DOUBLE THE GROWTH RATE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION. THE KEY TO SUCCESS IN THIS SPHERE LIES IN LARGE-SCALE APPLICATION OF INTENSIVE TECHNOLOGIES, WHILE REDUCING CROP AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCE LOSSES IS THE MOST IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF AUGMENTING FOOD STOCKS.

THE REPORT DEVOTES MUCH ATTENTION TO PROSPECTS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CPSU SOCIAL POLICY. MIKHAIL GORBACHYOV STRESSED THAT THE CONCERN FOR MAN HAD ALWAYS BEEN IN THE CENTRE OF ATTENTION OF THE PARTY. IN THE COMING 15 YEARS IT IS PLANNED TO DOUBLE THE AMOUNT OF RESOURCES CHANNELLED TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE PEOPLE. IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO PROVIDE A SEPARATE FLAT OR A HOUSE FOR EACH SOVIET FAMILY BY THE YEAR 2000.

DWELLING UPON THE PROBLEM OF A FURTHER CONSOLIDATION OF A SOVIET FAMILY, THE SPEAKER SET FORTH PLANS OF THE EXPANSION OF PRIVILEGES AND ADVANTAGES FOR WORKING WOMEN, FOR FAMILIES WITH MANY CHILDREN, AND POINTED OUT THAT THE TASK WAS BEING SET TO FULLY MEET THE DEMAND IN PRE-SCHOOL CHILDCARE INSTITUTIONS.

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THE SCALE AND COMPLEXITY OF THE TASKS FACING THE COUNTRY CALL FOR CONSISTENT AND UNSWERVING FURTHERANCE OF THE PEOPLE'S SOCIALIST SELF-GOVERNMENT, MIKHAIL GORBACHYOV SAID FURTHER. IN SOCIALIST SOCIETY, PARTICULARLY UNDER THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT BE THE PRIVILEGE OF A NARROW CIRCLE OF PROFESSIONALS. THE PARTY IS THE GUIDING FORCE AND THE MAIN GUARANTOR OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIALIST SELF-GOVERNMENT.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE QUESTION OF THE FURTHER DEMOCRATIZATION OF SOVIET SOCIETY, MIKHAIL GORBACHYOV STRESSED THE GROWING ROLE OF THE SOVIETS OF PEOPLE'S DEPUTIES, PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS AND WORK COLLECTIVES. HE EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF BROADENING PUBLICITY AND SPOKE ABOUT THE SOCIO-POLITICAL AND PERSONAL RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS OF THE CITIZENS OF THE USSR, POINTING OUT THAT IN SOCIALIST SOCIETY THE RIGHTS OF CITIZENS DO NOT, AND CANNOT, EXIST OUTSIDE THEIR DUTIES, JUST AS THERE CANNOT BE DUTIES WITHOUT CORRESPONDING RIGHTS.

SPEAKING OF THE BASIC AIMS AND DIRECTIONS OF THE SOVIET UNION'S FOREIGN-POLICY STRATEGY, MIKHAIL GORBACHYOV STRESSED THAT +THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE NUCLEAR MENACE, AGAINST THE ARMS RACE, FOR THE PRESERVATION AND STRENGTHENING OF UNIVERSAL PEACE REMAINS THE FUNDAMENTAL DIRECTION OF THE PARTY'S ACTIVITIES ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE+.

THE SOVIET LEADER EXPRESSED THE CONVICTION THAT IN THE PRESENT SITUATION THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE TO COOPERATION AND INTERACTION BETWEEN ALL COUNTRIES. OBJECTIVE CONDITIONS HAVE TAKEN SHAPE IN WHICH CONFRONTATION BETWEEN CAPITALISM AND SOCIALISM CAN PROCEED ONLY AND EXCLUSIVELY IN FORMS OF PEACEFUL COMPETITION AND PEACEFUL CONTEST.

SPEAKING ABOUT THE PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF SOVIET POLICY, MIKHAIL GORBACHYOV SAID THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS MADE ENERGETIC EFFORTS TO GIVE A FRESH IMPETUS TO THE NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA, STOCKHOLM, AND VIENNA, THE PURPOSE OF WHICH IS TO SCALE DOWN THE ARMS RACE AND BUILD UP CONFIDENCE BETWEEN STATES.

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MIKHAIL GORBACHYOV ALSO RECALLED THE LARGE-SCALE SOVIET INITIATIVE OF JANUARY 15, AIMED AT COMPLETELY ELIMINATING NUCLEAR AND OTHER KINDS OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION BY THE END OF THIS CENTURY. +WHAT I AM TALKING ABOUT IS A PLAN OF CONCRETE ACTIONS STRICTLY MEASURED OUT IN TERMS OF TIME. THE USSR INTENDS TO WORK PERSEVERINGLY FOR ITS REALISATION, REGARDING IT AS THE CENTRAL DIRECTION OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY FOR THE COMING YEARS,+ HE SAID.

+THE SOVIET MILITARY DOCTRINE IS ALSO ENTIRELY IN KEEPING WITH THE LETTER AND SPIRIT OF THE INITIATIVES WE HAVE PUT FORWARD,+ MIKHAIL GORBACHYOV WENT ON TO SAY. +ITS ORIENTATION IS UNEQUIVOCALLY DEFENSIVE. IN THE MILITARY SPHERE WE INTEND TO ACT IN SUCH A WAY AS TO GIVE NOBODY GROUNDS FOR FEARS, EVEN IMAGINED, ABOUT THEIR SECURITY. BUT TO AN EQUAL EXTENT WE AND OUR ALLIES WANT TO BE RID OF THE FEELING THAT WE ARE THREATENED.+ +THE SOVIET UNION LAYS NO CLAIM TO MORE SECURITY, BUT IT WILL NOT SETTLE FOR LESS.+

IN THIS CONNECTION THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE TOUCHED UPON THE U.S. +STAR WARS+ PROGRAMME. +BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE, IT IS IMPERATIVE TO FIND A REALISTIC SOLUTION GUARANTEEING THAT THE ARMS RACE DOES NOT SPREAD TO OUTER SPACE,+ HE STRESSED.

MIKHAIL GORBACHYOV SAID THAT A REPLY HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM PRESIDENT REAGAN TO THE SOVIET STATEMENT OF JANUARY 15. THE PRESIDENT AGREES IN GENERAL WITH SOME OR OTHER SOVIET PROPOSALS AND INTENTIONS AS REGARDS THE ISSUES OF DISARMAMENT AND SECURITY. THE REPLY SEEKS TO CONTAIN SOME REASSURING OPINIONS AND THESES, THE SOVIET LEADER SAID. HOWEVER, THESE POSITIVE PRONOUNCEMENTS ARE SWAMPED IN VARIOUS RESERVATIONS, +LINKAGES+ AND +CONDITIONS+ WHICH IN FACT BLOCK THE SOLUTION OF RADICAL PROBLEMS OF DISARMAMENT. +TO PUT IT IN A NUTSHELL, IT IS HARD TO DETECT IN THE LETTER WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED ANY SERIOUS PREPAREDNESS OF THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION TO GET DOWN TO SOLVING THE CARDINAL PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN ELIMINATING THE NUCLEAR THREAT,+ MIKHAIL GORBACHYOV SAID.

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TOUCHING UPON THE COMING MEETING WITH U.S. PRESIDENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN UNDERSTANDING REACHED IN GENEVA THE SOVIET LEADER POINTED OUT THAT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF IT IS THAT IT OUGHT TO PRODUCE PRACTICAL RESULTS IN KEY AREAS OF LIMITING AND REDUCING ARMAMENTS. THERE ARE AT LEAST TWO MATTERS ON WHICH AN UNDERSTANDING COULD BE REACHED: THE CESSATION OF NUCLEAR TESTS AND THE ABOLITION OF U.S. AND SOVIET INTERMEDIATE-RANGE MISSILES IN THE EUROPEAN ZONE. +AND THEN, AS A MATTER OF FACT, IF THERE IS READINESS TO SEEK AGREEMENT, THE QUESTION OF THE TIME OF THE MEETING WOULD BE RESOLVED OF ITSELF: WE WILL ACCEPT ANY SUGGESTION ON THIS COUNT. BUT THERE IS NO SENSE IN HOLDING EMPTY TALKS. WE SHALL NOT REMAIN INDIFFERENT IF THE SOVIET-U.S. DIALOGUE THAT HAS STARTED AND INSPIRED SOME NOT UNFOUNDED HOPES OF A POSSIBILITY FOR CHANGES FOR THE BETTER IS USED TO CONTINUE THE ARMS RACE AND THE MATERIAL PREPARATIONS FOR WAR.+

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THE SPEAKER TOUCHED UPON THE SITUATION AROUND AFGHANISTAN AND STRESSED THAT THE USSR SUPPORTED THAT COUNTRY'S EFFORTS TO DEFEND ITS SOVEREIGNTY. +WE SHOULD LIKE, IN THE NEAREST FUTURE, TO WITHDRAW THE SOVIET TROOPS STATIONED IN AFGHANISTAN AT THE REQUEST OF ITS GOVERNMENT+, MIKHAIL GORBACHYOV SAID. HE ADDED THAT IT WILL BECOME POSSIBLE AS SOON AS A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT IS REACHED THAT ENSURES AN ACTUAL CESSATION AND DEPENDABLY GUARANTEES THE NON-RESUMPTION OF FOREIGN ARMED INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN.

THE CPSU REGARDS THE EUROPEAN DIRECTION AS ONE OF THE MAIN DIRECTIONS OF ITS INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITY, THE REPORT POINTS OUT. +EUROPE'S HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY AND ITS FUTURE LIE IN PEACEFUL COOPERATION AMONG THE NATIONS OF THAT CONTINENT+.

SPEAKING ABOUT THE FLASHPOINTS OF MILITARY DANGER THAT ARE NOT DYING DOWN, MIKHAIL GORBACHYOV STRESSED THAT +CRISES AND CONFLICTS ARE FERTILE SOIL ALSO FOR INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM... THE USSR REJECTS TERRORISM IN PRINCIPLE AND IS PREPARED TO COOPERATE ACTIVELY WITH OTHER STATES IN ORDER TO UPROOT IT+.

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THE SPEAKER POINTED OUT THAT THE DESTINIES OF PEACE AND SOCIAL PROGRESS WERE NOW LINKED MORE CLOSELY THAN EVER BEFORE WITH THE DYNAMIC CHARACTER OF THE SOCIALIST WORLD SYSTEM'S ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT. HE SPOKE IN DETAIL ABOUT THE DEEPENING AND EXPANSION OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.

THE REPORT STRESSES THAT THE CPSU IS AN INALIENABLE COMPONENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT AND POINTS OUT THAT THE SOVIET PUBLIC IS PREPARED TO GO ON PROMOTING LINKS WITH NON-COMMUNIST MOVEMENTS AND ORGANISATIONS, INCLUDING RELIGIOUS ORGANISATIONS MILITATING AGAINST WAR.

THIS IS ALSO THE ANGLE FROM WHICH THE CPSU REGARDS ITS RELATIONS WITH THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT. +IT IS A FACT THAT THE IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE COMMUNISTS AND THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS ARE DEEP, AND THAT THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS AND EXPERIENCE ARE DISSIMILAR AND NON-EQUIVALENT. HOWEVER, AN UNBIASED LOOK AT THE STANDPOINTS AND VIEWS OF EACH OTHER IS UNQUESTIONABLY USEFUL TO BOTH THE COMMUNISTS AND THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS, USEFUL IN THE FIRST PLACE FOR FURTHERING THE STRUGGLE FOR PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY+.

MIKHAIL GORBACHYOV HAS PUT FORWARD IN HIS REPORT THE IDEA OF BUILDING AN ALL-EMBRACING SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY.

WE SEE THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF THIS SYSTEM IN THE FOLLOWING:

. IN THE MILITARY SPHERE

-- RENUNCIATION BY THE NUCLEAR POWERS OF WAR -- BOTH NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL -- AGAINST EACH OTHER OR AGAINST THIRD COUNTRIES SEMICOLON

-- PREVENTION OF AN ARMS RACE IN OUTER SPACE, CESSATION OF ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS AND THE TOTAL DESTRUCTION OF SUCH WEAPONS, A BAN ON AND THE DESTRUCTION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS, AND RENUNCIATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF OTHER MEANS OF MASS ANNIHILATION SEMICOLON

-- A STRICTLY CONTROLLED LOWERING OF THE LEVELS OF MILITARY CAPABILITIES OF COUNTRIES TO LIMITS OF REASONABLE ADEQUACY SEMICOLON

-- DISBANDMENT OF MILITARY ALLIANCES, AND AS A STAGE TOWARDS THIS -- RENUNCIATION OF THEIR ENLARGEMENT AND OF THE FORMATION OF NEW ONES SEMICOLON

-- BALANCED AND COMMENSURATE REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS. MORE

IN THE POLITICAL SPHERE

-- UNCONDITIONAL RESPECT IN INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE FOR THE RIGHT OF EACH PEOPLE TO CHOOSE THE WAYS AND FORMS OF ITS DEVELOPMENT INDEPENDENTLY SEMICOLON

-- A JUST POLITICAL SETTLEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL CRISES AND REGIONAL CONFLICTS SEMICOLON

-- ELABORATION OF A SET OF MEASURES AIMED AT BUILDING CONFIDENCE BETWEEN STATES AND THE CREATION OF EFFECTIVE GUARANTEES AGAINST ATTACK FROM WITHOUT AND OF THE INVIOABILITY OF THEIR FRONTIERS SEMICOLON

-- ELABORATION OF EFFECTIVE METHODS OF PREVENTING INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM, INCLUDING THE SAFETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAND, AIR, AND SEA COMMUNICATIONS.

IN THE ECONOMIC SPHERE

-- EXCLUSION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION FROM INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE SEMICOLON RENUNCIATION OF THE POLICY OF ECONOMIC BLOCKADES AND SANCTIONS IF THIS IS NOT DIRECTLY ENVISAGED IN THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY SEMICOLON

-- JOINT QUEST FOR WAYS FOR A JUST SETTLEMENT OF THE PROBLEM OF DEBTS SEMICOLON

-- ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER GUARANTEEING EQUAL ECONOMIC SECURITY TO ALL COUNTRIES SEMICOLON

-- ELABORATION OF PRINCIPLES FOR UTILISING PART OF THE FUNDS RELEASED AS A RESULT OF A REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS FOR THE GOOD OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY, OF DEVELOPING NATIONS IN THE FIRST PLACE SEMICOLON

-- THE POOLING OF EFFORTS IN EXPLORING AND MAKING PEACEFUL USE OF OUTER SPACE AND IN RESOLVING GLOBAL PROBLEMS ON WHICH THE DESTINIES OF CIVILISATION DEPEND.

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IN THE HUMANITARIAN SPHERE -- COOPERATION IN THE DISSEMINATION OF THE IDEAS OF PEACE, DISARMAMENT, AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY SEMICOLON GREATER FLOW OF GENERAL OBJECTIVE INFORMATION AND INTERCOURSE BETWEEN PEOPLES FOR THE PURPOSE OF LEARNING ABOUT ONE ANOTHER SEMICOLON REINFORCEMENT OF THE SPIRIT OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND CONCORD IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THEM SEMICOLON EXTIRPATION OF GENOCIDE, APARTHEID, ADVOCACY OF FASCISM AND EVERY OTHER FORM OF RACIAL, NATIONAL OR RELIGIOUS EXCLUSIVENESS, AND ALSO OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PEOPLE ON THIS BASIS SEMICOLON EXTENSION -- WHILE RESPECTING THE LAWS OF EACH COUNTRY -- OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE POLITICAL, SOCIAL, AND PERSONAL RIGHTS OF PEOPLE SEMICOLON DECISION IN A HUMANE AND POSITIVE SPIRIT OF QUESTIONS RELATED TO THE REUNITING OF FAMILIES, MARRIAGE, AND THE PROMOTION OF CONTACTS BETWEEN PEOPLE AND BETWEEN ORGANISATIONS SEMICOLON STRENGTHENING OF AND QUESTS FOR NEW FORMS OF COOPERATION IN CULTURE, ART, SCIENCE, EDUCATION, AND MEDICINE.

THESE PRINCIPLES, MIKHAIL GORBACHYOV SAID, COULD HELP MAKE PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE THE HIGHEST PRINCIPLE OF STATE-TO-STATE RELATIONS, AS WELL AS THE POINT OF DEPARTURE FOR A SYSTEMATIC DIALOGUE BETWEEN LEADERS OF COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY.

MIKHAIL GORBACHYOV PROPOSED A MEETING BETWEEN THE LEADERS OF THE COUNTRIES WHICH ARE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO DISCUSS WHAT COULD AND SHOULD BE DONE TO STRENGTHEN PEACE. HE ALSO PROPOSED THE CONVOCATION OF A WORLD CONGRESS ON PROBLEMS OF ECONOMIC SECURITY AT WHICH IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO DISCUSS IN A PACKAGE EVERYTHING THAT ENCUMBERS WORLD ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

THE SECTION OF THE REPORT DEVOTED TO THE COMMUNIST PARTY, WHICH HAS A MEMBERSHIP OF 19 MILLION PEOPLE, DEALT WITH THE RESULTS OF THE DISCUSSION OF THE NEW EDITION OF THE PARTY PROGRAMME AND OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE PARTY RULES.

FIRST OF ALL, THE CONCLUSIONS AND PROVISIONS OF THE CPSU PROGRAMME AND RULES HAVE MET WITH WIDESPREAD APPROVAL. THE COMMUNISTS AND SOVIET PEOPLE SUPPORT THE PARTY'S POLICY OF ACCELERATING THE COUNTRY'S SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ITS PROGRAMME'S CLEAR ORIENTATION TOWARDS THE COMMUNIST PERSPECTIVE AND THE STRENGTHENING OF WORLD PEACE,+ THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE, MIKHAIL GORBACHYOV, SAID IN CONCLUSION.

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