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MY TELNO 1472 : CHEBRIKOV'S SPEECH: SUMMARY OF MAIN POINTS ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE POLICY.

1. THE PRESENT STRAINED INTERNATIONAL SITUATION IS THE FAULT OF 'IMPERIALISM' WHICH, UNABLE TO STAND THE TEST OF DETENT, SEEKS TO DEMOLISH THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE 1970S.

2. BUT IN ANY NUCLEAR CONFLICT 'THERE WOULD BE NO VICTORS AND, INDEED, NO VANQUISHED.' THERE IS THEREFORE NO SENSIBLE ALTERNATIVE TO HALTING THE ARMS RACE AND SEEKING A SOLUTION TO GLOBAL PROBLEMS THROUGH DISARMAMENT.

3. THE SOVIET UNION DOES NOT SEEK TO IMPOSE ITS SYSTEM ON OTHERS BY ARMED FORCE, BUT ONLY BY THE POWER OF EXAMPLE, IN PEACEFUL COMPETITION. IT IS A RELIABLE PARTNER WHICH STRICTLY FULFILS ITS OBLIGATIONS.

4. 'IMMOBILITY AND ROUTINE ARE WHOLLY ALIEN TO SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY, WHICH IS DISTINGUISHED BY ITS FLEXIBILITY AND THE BOLDNESS OF ITS INITIATIVES, THE FIRMNESS OF ITS DEFENCE OF THE INTERESTS OF ITS OWN PEOPLE, TOGETHER WITH DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF THE SECURITY REQUIREMENTS OF OTHER PEOPLES AND OF THE WORLD AT LARGE. THERE IS INDEED A NATURAL LINK IN THE FACT THAT THE INCREASING DYNAMISM OF ITS INTERNAL LIFE IS ACCOMPANIED BY GREATER ACTIVITY IN THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE SOVIET STATE AND IN ITS EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT A HEALTHY INTERNATIONAL SITUATION.'

5. SOVIET PROPOSALS, PARTICULARLY THOSE PUT FORWARD BY GORBACHEV IN PARIS, ARE INTENDED AS A MEANS TO CREATE TRUST AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING.

6. THE WEST RESPONDS WITH NUCLEAR TESTS, IS UNWILLING TO DISCUSS THE NON-MILITARISATION OF SPACE, AND SEEKS MILITARY SUPERIORITY. THIS OBLIGES THE SOVIET UNION TO MAINTAIN ITS DEFENCE CAPABILITY 'AT THE NECESSARY LEVEL.'

7. THE SOVIET UNION ASSUMES THAT, IF POLITICAL COURAGE IS SHOWN, THE FORTHCOMING GENEVA SUMMIT CAN PUT RIGHT MUCH THAT IS WRONG. THE SOVIET SIDE 'WILL WORK FOR A JUST AND CONSTRUCTIVE SOLUTION' TO THE MAIN PROBLEMS.

8) ELSEWHERE

8. ELSEWHERE, THE SOVIET UNION SEEKS COOPERATION WITH THE COUNTRIES OF WESTERN EUROPE, LATIN AMERICA, AFRICA AND ASIA, THE MEDITERRANEAN, INDIA, THE PACIFIC, JAPAN AND OTHER NEIGHBOURS.

9. IMPERIALISM IS CARRYING ON AN UNDECLARED WAR IN NICARAGUA, AFGHANISTAN, THE MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTHERN AFRICA.

10. THE SOVIET UNION HAS TAKEN THE NECESSARY STEPS IN THE SEARCH TO CREATE A DIFFERENT WORLD. IT IS NOW UP TO THE WEST.

11. SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY IS CONDUCTED IN CLOSE UNITY WITH THE FRATERNAL SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, RELATIONS WITH WHOM ARE OF PRIMARY SIGNIFICANCE. WE WILL NOT RELAX OUR EFFORTS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH CHINA.

12. TIME WORKS AGAINST THOSE WHO SEEK TO BLOCK DETENTE.

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