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GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

Letter dated 21 May 1981 from the Delegation  
of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and  
Northern Ireland addressed to the President of  
the Thirty-fourth World Health Assembly



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Dear Madam President,

I refer to the letters of 12 and 13 May 1981 addressed to you by the Delegation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and by the Delegation of the German Democratic Republic respectively, which have been circulated in the Assembly as documents A34/INF.DOC./6 and A34/INF.DOC./8.

On behalf of the delegations of France, the United States of America and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland I wish to state that the statement by the Soviet delegate contains an incomplete and consequently misleading reference to the Quadripartite Agreement of 3 September 1971. The relevant passage of that Agreement to which the Soviet Representative referred provides that the ties between the Western Sectors of Berlin and the Federal Republic of Germany will be maintained and developed, taking into account that the Sectors continue not to be a constituent part of the Federal Republic of Germany and not to be governed by it.

Furthermore, there is nothing in the Quadripartite Agreement which supports the contention that residents of the Western Sectors of Berlin may not be included in the delegations of the Federal Republic of Germany to international conferences. In fact, Annex 4 of the Quadripartite Agreement stipulates that, provided matters of security and status are not affected, the Federal Republic of Germany may represent the interests of the Western Sectors of Berlin in international conferences and that Western Sectors of Berlin residents may participate jointly with participants from the Federal Republic of Germany in international exchanges. Furthermore, as a matter of principle, it is for the Federal Republic of Germany alone to decide on the composition of its delegations.

Regarding other communications on this subject, we would like to state that States which are not parties to the Quadripartite Agreement are not competent to comment authoritatively on its provisions.

I should be grateful if you would circulate this letter as an official document of the Thirty Fourth World Health Assembly.

Accept, Madam, the assurances of my high consideration.

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Chief Delegate

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President of the 34th World Health Assembly

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