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THIRTY-SIXTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

COMMUNICATION FROM FRANCE

Letter dated 12 May 1983 from the Delegation of
France addressed to the President of the
Thirty-sixth World Health Assembly



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Dear Mr President,

I refer to the letters of 11 May 1983, 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 A36/INF.DOC./14 and A36/INF.DOC./15.

On behalf of the delegations of France, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America I wish to state that the letter from 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 refers 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 delegation 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 meetings. Furthermore, as a matter of principle, it is for the Federal Republic of Germany alone to decide on the composition of its delegations.

We would like to take this opportunity to bring to your attention 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-sixth World Health Assembly.

Accept, Mr President, the assurances of my high consideration.

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H.E. Tan Sri Chong Hon Nyan
President of the Thirty-sixth World Health Assembly

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