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**Telegram No. 1448 to the USSR Envoy in
Switzerland F. F. Molochkov**

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Summary:

The telegram to Molochkov at the USSR Mission in Switzerland reaffirms the Soviet position on German reunification and the status of East German participation in international organizations.

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TO THE USSR ENVOY IN SWITZERLAND

cde. F. F. MOLOCHKOV

You are well aware of the position of the Soviet Government on the question of the immediate conclusion of a peace treaty with Germany and the reestablishment of a single, independent, democratic and peace-loving German state. The Soviet Government has maintained and will continue to maintain this position.

There is no contradiction between this position and our demands for the participation of the GDR in the operations of international organizations on an equal footing with West Germany.

As you are certainly aware, the Bonn government is trying to portray itself as the "only legitimate representative" of the interests of the entire Germany. For that reason, the participation of only West German representatives in the operations of International organizations would essentially signify the bestowal upon the Bonn government of the prerogative of an all-German government and place the GDR in a position of discrimination. The demand of equal rights for the GDR and West Germany with regard to their participation in international organizations means that, until there is a united Germany, the interests of the East German inhabitants can only be represented by the GDR government. Such a position reflects the actual situation and is fully sustainable politically. Thus, there is no basis for talk of some kind of inconsistency by the GDR government on this question.