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The First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Mongolian National Revolutionary Party and the Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the MNR [Mongolian People's Republic], Cde. Yu. Tsedenbal addressed to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union a request that we express our opinion regarding the intention of the Mongolian People's Republic to accede to the Warsaw Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation, and Mutual Assistance of 14 May 1955. We would like to consult with you about this important matter. For its part, the CC CPSU considers it feasible to treat positively the proposal of Cde. Yu. Tsedenbal. As is known, the Warsaw Treaty Organization was established in 1955. In the treaty it is stated that the socialist states of Europe should "take the necessary measures for safeguarding their security and in the interests of maintaining peace in Europe." The aspiration of the Mongolian People's Republic to serve the conditions for preserving peace and to contribute at present by being a member of the Warsaw Treaty deserves, in our view, the support of the Organization's socialist member-states. The MNR's joining the Warsaw Treaty will have great political importance and will contribute to the further strengthening of the authority of that organization in the eyes of peaceful public opinion. The accession to the Warsaw Treaty of a non-European country — in this case, the MNR, located in Asia — although it will evidently require the adoption of a special protocol, defining more precisely Para. 4 of the Treaty, which speaks only of Europe, will not contradict the general terms of the Treaty. Indeed, Paragraph 9 of the treaty states that it is "open for the accession of other states regardless of their social and political order that express a readiness through participation in the present treaty to contribute towards unifying the efforts of the peace-loving countries in the goals of safeguarding the peace and security of nations." This clause appears to be sufficient legal foundation for the accession of the Mongolian People's Republic, whose representatives have already taken regular part as observers in the work of one of the main organs of the Warsaw Treaty — the Political Consultative Committee. It is also known that the Mongolian People's Republic in previous years has developed more and more its cooperation with the socialist countries of Europe. Indeed, not long ago it became a member of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance, which also was first established as an organization of the European socialist states.

Such motives, which have guided the CC CPSU, make it expedient to treat positively the proposal of Cde. Tsedenbal regarding the accession of the MNR to the Warsaw Treaty.

If there is common consent, the MNR's accession to the Warsaw Treaty could be achieved by convening a meeting of the treaty's member states. This meeting (it may actually require one session) can be held in Moscow in July of this year to take advantage of the presence of the leaders of the fraternal parties and governments at the meeting of the CMEA's member states. Since Albania does not take actual part in the work of the Warsaw Treaty Organization, the issue of sending a letter to the CC of the APT [Albanian Workers' Party] will not arise. The CC of the CPSU asks you to express your views on the aforementioned matter.

With communist greetings,

N. Khrushchev
First Secretary of the CC CPSU
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