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Text of Soviet Note to Canada of January 10, 1959, proposing a conference to consider adoption of a peace treaty with Germany (text of draft peace treaty which accompanied the note is also attached.) Similar notes were sent on January 10 to 28 countries which the Soviet Union identified as having been engaged in the war against Germany and also to the Federal Republic of Germany and the government of the Soviet Zone of Germany. The notes to the UK, USA and France contained additional passages in response to notes from these countries of December 31, 1958, relating to the Berlin situation. (This text was tabled in the House of Commons, Feb. 9, 1959)

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"The Soviet Government considers it necessary to draw the attention of the Government of Canada to the completely abnormal situation which has arisen as a result of the delay in the solution of one of the most important international post-war problems - the conclusion of a peace treaty with Germany.

At a time when peace treaties have long since been concluded with the other states who took part in the Second World War on Germany's side and their development has been established on an independent national basis, the German nation still has no peace treaty, which deprives it of the possibility of fully achieving its state sovereignty and of becoming an equal member of the family of nations. Furthermore, foreign forces continue to remain on German territory, and in certain parts, for example in West Berlin, an occupational regime is still maintained.

The delaying of a peace settlement with Germany from year to year leaves unresolved many questions which affect the interests not only of Germany, but also of the countries which took part in the war against Germany. The absence of a peace treaty with Germany seriously complicates the situation in Europe, arouses suspicions and mistrust in inter-state relations and prevents the normalisation of these relations.

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