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**Telegram from the Romanian Embassy to the
Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

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Summary:

Telegram from the Romanian Embassy to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs regarding the special plenary session of the CC of the CPB to deal with demands by the 'Bulgarian Democratic Forces Association' to have free elections and a multi-party system

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[Foreign Affairs] Minister, Cde. Ioan Stoian,

The Bulgarian leadership has convoked today, aside from the one scheduled for 11 December, a special plenary session of the CC of the CPB, which will take place tomorrow, 8 December.

This has been forced [upon the leadership] by some organizational and membership problems which have developed in the past few days, during meetings with groups of workers and students. [These] problems had to be resolved immediately to prevent the organization of mass street demonstrations. We would like to inform you that the unofficial organizations have created an [umbrella] organization, "The Bulgarian Democratic Forces Association," which proposed in its [newly] adopted program to act [with the goal of] implementing a multi-party system, for the guarantee of the rights and liberties of [Bulgarian] citizens, [for the] organization of free [and fair] elections, for the truthful democratization of the entire [Bulgarian] political and socio-economic life.

Jelio Jeleu, a former professor of philosophy, who is well known for his anti-Socialist attitude, was elected as head of the Association. The Association is planning [the organization of] major street demonstrations as the end of this week.

(SS)[Ambassador] Vasile Pungan