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Letter dated 17 March 1986 from the Permanent Representative of
Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of the statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cuba on 14 March 1986 in connection with the illegal decision by the United States Government to reduce the staff of the Missions of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic to the United Nations (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this note distributed as an official document of the General Assembly under item 134 of the preliminary list and would bring it to the attention of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country.

(Signed) Oscar ORAMAS-OLIVA
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Statement dated 14 March 1986 issued by the
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Cuba

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has learnt of a further act in the escalating campaign being waged by the United States Government against the United Nations and against the powers of United Nations Member countries to carry on freely their activities in the Organization.

The Headquarters of the United Nations are located in New York City by virtue of an agreement signed between the Organization's Secretariat and the United States Government. The United States authorities, which have ignored these regulations repeatedly when it suits their interests, have just taken an unprecedented decision which seeks to limit the number of staff working in the Permanent Missions of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic to the United Nations.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs considers that the action taken by the United States Government against the Missions of socialist States to the United Nations is, to put it plainly, a violation of the above-mentioned Headquarters Agreement and of international law and part of the Reagan Administration's unceasing manoeuvres to intimidate the United Nations and try to bend it to the Administration's policy of harassment of any country or international organization which does not obey the dictates of Washington.

This latest manoeuvre, in addition to reflecting the powerlessness of the United States Government to stay the tide of history, is intended to restrict the action which we, the countries of the socialist community and all progressive countries, are taking within the United Nations to promote the cause of peace, an end to the arms race, respect for the sovereignty and independence of nations and the social progress of peoples, as well as the struggle against racism and for the decolonization of countries such as Namibia and Puerto Rico which are still oppressed.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, at the same time as vigorously condemning this unilateral action on behalf not only of the Government of the Republic of Cuba but also of the entire United Nations, the activities of which are once again being hindered, alerts world public opinion to the fact that these discourteous acts are both a continuation of and a prelude to the actions undertaken or planned by the Administration of Ronald Reagan against the United Nations, its system and the right to freedom of action and expression of all the States which make up the international community.
