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REPORT OF THE <u>AD HOC</u> COMMITTEE ON THE DRAFTING OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AGAINST THE RECRUITMENT, USE, FINANCING AND TRAINING OF MERCENARIES

Letter dated 27 October 1986 from the Permanent Representative of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to refer to the letter circulated among Member States at the request of the Permanent Representative of Cuba and contained in document A/41/729.

In respect of the reference to Mr. Luis Posada Carriles and his escape in August 1985 from the Venezuelan prison in which he had been confined, the Venezuelan Government wishes to place on record that this very unfortunate incident has from the very outset been the subject of an exhaustive investigation, and the necessary preventive-detention measures have been taken. The Government of Venezuela is seeking to get to the bottom of this matter, using all possible means so as to ensure that justice prevails; at the same time, it rejects any insinuation of collusion by the Government in that deplorable incident.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda items 12, 42 and 129.

(<u>Signed</u>) Andrés AGUILAR M. Permanent Representative of Venezuela