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THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Letter dated 19 September 1991 from the Permanent Representative
of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

We have the honour to transmit the text, in English and French, of the Joint Declaration on the Baltic States, issued on the occasion of the meeting on 6 September 1991 of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the member States of the European Community and the Representatives of the Commission and the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Republics of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania (see annexes).

We should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annexes circulated as a document of the General Assembly.

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Annex

JOINT DECLARATION ON THE BALTIC STATES

issued on the occasion of the meeting on 6 September 1991 between the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States members of the European Community and the Representatives of the Commission and the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Republics of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania

The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States members of the European Community and the Representatives of the Commission and the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Republics of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania met in Brussels on 6 September 1991 to mark the restoration of sovereignty and independence of the Baltic States.

On this festive occasion, the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States members of the European Community and the Representatives of the Commission warmly congratulated their colleagues on the resumption by the Baltic States of their rightful place in the international community. They regarded their meeting as a seal of the establishment of diplomatic relations with them. They also stressed the willingness of the European Community as such to establish diplomatic relations with the three Baltic States. The Economic Community Ministers expressed their readiness to help the Baltic States become members of all relevant international organizations at the earliest possible date.

The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States members of the European Community and the Representatives of the Commission reiterated their willingness to explore together with the three Baltic States all avenues to assist them in their democratic and economic development. They stated their readiness to see the Baltic States participate in the Group of 24 and benefit from the European Community's Phare Programme. The Commission will have early discussions with the authorities of the Baltic States about the conclusion of trade and economic cooperation agreements with the Community.

The Foreign Ministers of the Baltic States declared the commitment of their countries to democracy based on the respect for human rights and the rule of law and to market-oriented economy, social justice and environmental responsibility, together with the other principles contained in the CSCE Helsinki Final Act and Paris Charter. They pledged that their countries, in their efforts to liberate themselves from the legacy of the past, would strive to settle all outstanding issues in a process of open and constructive dialogue, mindful of the need for future cooperation between all States in Europe.
