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THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO
COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES
HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS

Letter dated 15 November 1991 from the Permanent
Representative of the Netherlands to the United
Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the text, in English and French, of a Declaration of the European Community and its member States on East Timor, issued on 13 November 1991 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda items 19 and 98.

(Signed) Robert J. VAN SCHAIK
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Declaration on East Timor, issued by the European Community
and its member States on 13 November 1991

The European Community and its member States are gravely concerned at reports that on 12 November members of the Indonesian armed forces in Dili opened fire on a group of demonstrators, killing and wounding a considerable number.

The European Community and its member States vehemently condemn such violence, which is in clear contravention of the most fundamental human rights.

The European Community and its member States will obtain further information about the circumstances surrounding this incident at the earliest possible opportunity, if possible from independent sources.

The European Community and its member States urge the Indonesian Government to ensure that members of the Indonesian armed forces and police in East Timor refrain immediately from using violence and that the members of the armed forces and police who were responsible for the tragic outcome of this incident are brought to trial.
