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POLICIES OF APARTHEID OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA

Letter dated 17 December 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 Statement of the European Community and its member States on South Africa, issued on 17 December 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 item 37.

(Signed) Robert J. VAN SCHAIK
Ambassador
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ANNEX

Statement on South Africa

The Community and its member States welcome the announced start of the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (CODESA), which can be a milestone on the way to a united, democratic and non-racial South Africa.

They have accepted the invitation from the two co-chairpersons of CODESA to participate as an observer in this historic meeting, which is scheduled to take place on 20 and 21 December 1991 in Kempton Park.

Convinced of the need for a broad consensus among all parties on the shape of the new South Africa, the Community and its member States launch an urgent appeal to all those parties who have not yet accepted to participate in the upcoming negotiation process, to reconsider their position in this regard, in order not to miss this unique opportunity for reconciliation through dialogue.
