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### COMMUNICATION FROM THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

The following communication dated 29 October 1982, addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, is reproduced below for consideration by the Committee:

"On instructions from my Government I have the honour to submit to the United Nations, through you, a request that in the scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations for the period 1983-1985 the assessment of the Dominican Republic be reduced from 0.03 per cent to 0.01 per cent.

"If possible, my Government would also like to pay the greater part of its contribution in national currency (Dominican pesos).

"As you are aware, my country, like most third world countries, is passing through an economic crisis caused by the high cost of petroleum and petroleum products and of the products we import from developed countries at a time when the price paid on world markets for the commodities we export, such as sugar, is less than half of the production cost.

"Our economic situation has prompted our Government to make budget cuts affecting all aspects of national life.

"As you know, the Dominican Republic is a founding member of the United Nations and this is the first time we have made such a request; we are doing so now on the basis of General Assembly resolution 36/231 A of 18 December 1981, several paragraphs of which are applicable to our case.

"My Government hopes that you will give our case sympathetic consideration."