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### REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Letter dated 8 March 1988 from the Permanent Representative  
of Panama to the United Nations addressed to the  
Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you the text of a statement issued yesterday by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Panama (see annex) and should be grateful if it could be circulated, together with this letter, as a document of the General Assembly under item 72 of the preliminary list.

(Signed) Jorge Eduardo RITTER  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Panama,  
issued on 7 March 1988

In view of the irresponsible threat made publicly by Mr. George Bush, Vice-President of the United States of America, to the effect that the United States might attempt a direct military operation against the Chief of the Defence Forces of Panama, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs alerts national and international public opinion to the fact that this design violates the most elemental international norms of co-existence between civilized nations and all the principles of international law.

Even in the difficult circumstances it is experiencing as a result of the flagrant intervention of the United States of America, the Republic of Panama has given sufficient proof of good sense and maturity.

Nevertheless, the threats made by the United States of America are becoming increasingly strident, creating a state of anxiety and insecurity among the Panamanian people who, as international public opinion is aware, have a notable tradition of patriotic struggle and defence of national pride which cannot be influenced by any threat.

In the light of all the foregoing, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs makes a most vigorous protest and draws the attention of the world to the dangers threatening the Republic of Panama.

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