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LETTER DATED 4 AUGUST 1995 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 976 (1995) of 8 February, by which the Council decided to establish a United Nations peace-keeping operation in Angola (UNAVEM III).

As you are aware, Major-General Chris Abutu Garuba of Nigeria has been serving since 5 July 1993 as Chief Military Observer of UNAVEM II, and later as Force Commander of UNAVEM III. Major-General Garuba has performed his duties with professionalism and dedication during one of the most critical periods of UNAVEM's history. However, Major-General Garuba will be completing his tour of duty with the Mission as of 1 October to return to his national service.

Following the usual consultations, it is my intention to appoint Major-General Phillip Valerio Sibanda of Zimbabwe to replace Major-General Garuba. Major-General Sibanda is expected to arrive at his duty station in Angola in the second half of September.

I would be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(<u>Signed</u>) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI
