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Letter dated 29 August 1996 from the Permanent Representative of
Colombia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to write to you in my capacity as Chairman of the Coordinating Bureau of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries and at the request of the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations in order to transmit to you the text of the statement issued by the Movement on 23 August 1996 regarding the so-called "D'Amato Bill", which relates to the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

I should be grateful if the attached text could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda items 95 (a) and 140.

(Signed) Julio LONDOÑO PAREDES
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex I

Statement dated 23 August 1996 by the Movement of
Non-Aligned Countries

The Movement of Non-Aligned Countries has traditionally expressed its rejection of unilateral coercive measures as a means of exerting pressure on non-aligned and other developing countries. The Movement is at present concerned about the enactment of the so-called D'Amato Bill of the United States against the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

The Movement expresses its conviction that the aforementioned legislation is contrary to international law and to the norms and principles governing peaceful and friendly relations among nations. The enactment of the Bill is a blatant violation of the inalienable sovereignty of all States as it attempts to impose the United States law extra-territorially on the international community.

The non-aligned countries remain steadfast in their rejection of actions of this nature against any of its members, as reiterated by the Heads of State or Government at the Eleventh Summit, held at Cartagena de Indias, Colombia.

Annex II

Letter dated 28 August 1996 from the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations and pursuant to the meeting between the Permanent Representative of Colombia and the Deputy Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran on 26 August 1996, has the honour to request that the statement by the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries regarding the enactment of the D'Amato Bill against the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya be circulated as an official document of the United Nations under agenda items 97 (a), Trade and development, and 143, United Nations Decade of International Law, of the fiftieth session of the General Assembly.

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.
