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NOTE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

1. It will be recalled that the Security Council special mission to Benin established under resolution 404 (1977) (see also S/12286) was to report to the Security Council by the end of February 1977.

2. On 22 February 1977, the President of the Security Council received a telegram from the Chairman of the Security Council special mission to Benin reading as follows:

"In view of the extensive volume of testimony and other material evidence which has been acquired by the special mission in the course of its investigation of the events of 16 January 1977 in Cotonou, the special mission considers that it will not be able to implement the provision of paragraph 2 of resolution 404 (1977) which sets the end of February as the deadline for submission of the mission's report. Accordingly, the special mission requests an extension of the date of submission of its report until 8 March. New date is acceptable to the Government of Benin."

3. Following receipt of this telegram, the President of the Security Council held consultations with the members of the Security Council. As a result of these consultations, he wishes to state that the members of the Council agreed to accede to the above request. Accordingly, the date for the submission of the special mission's report is extended to 8 March 1977.
