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Letter dated 26 December 1978 from the Permanent Representative of
Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you the enclosed statement made by the Turkish Government regarding the recent elections held in Namibia.

I should be grateful if you would have this statement circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 27, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Orhan ERALP
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Statement of the Turkish Government on the
elections held in Namibia

The Turkish Government rejects categorically the so-called elections held unilaterally by South Africa in Namibia from 4 to 8 December 1978 in contravention of Security Council resolutions 385 (1976), 435 (1978) and 439 (1978) and considers their result as null and void.

The Turkish Government is convinced that only fair elections under the supervision and control of the United Nations can constitute a basis for Namibian independence and demands that South Africa fully co-operate, without further obstruction, in the implementation of these elections in which all political parties, including the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO), can participate on an equal footing.

The Turkish Government views with the greatest concern the recent developments in Namibia and demands that all appropriate action be taken in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, including effective international sanctions, in case of South Africa's refusal to co-operate with the United Nations.
