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Letter dated 19 October 1976 from the Permanent Representative
of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have been instructed to transmit, in my capacity of Permanent Representative of the country which currently exercises the function of Chairman of the countries of the European Communities, the following statement issued on 18 October 1976 by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of these nine countries:

"The Foreign Ministers of the nine countries of the European Community, meeting in Luxembourg, welcome the British Government's speedy action in convening a conference at Geneva to discuss the formation of an interim government in Rhodesia, which would pave the way for majority rule within two years.

"They appeal solemnly to all the parties concerned to seize this opportunity to achieve a just and peaceful solution to this long-standing problem by bringing about an orderly and peaceful transfer of power to the majority in Zimbabwe.

"They confirm that they will meanwhile continue to comply strictly with their obligations relating to sanctions."

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 86, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Johan KAUFMANN
Permanent Representative of
the Kingdom of the Netherlands
to the United Nations