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QUESTION OF NAMIBIA

Letter dated 24 November 1982 from the Permanent
Representative of Argentina to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to request you to have the attached letter, addressed to the President of the United Nations Council for Namibia on 19 November 1982, circulated as a document of the General Assembly in connection with agenda item 32.

(Signed) Carlos Manuel MUNIZ
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Letter dated 19 November 1982 from the Permanent Representative
of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the President
of the United Nations Council for Namibia

On behalf of the Government of the Argentine Republic I have the honour to address you with reference to the statements involving my country made by one of the participants in the Seminar on the Military Situation in and Relating to Namibia (A/AC.131/L.268) and contained in the report adopted by the Council over which you presided on Wednesday, 10 November 1982, for submission to the current thirty-seventh session of the General Assembly.

In this connection, I should like to reaffirm the statement duly made by the Government of the Argentine Republic to the effect that it has never formed and does not form part of a South Atlantic Treaty Organization. It should also be stressed that the supposed treaty has never existed and consequently any reference to it is a fabrication pure and simple.

I should further like to make it clear that there is no military collaboration or close political tie of any kind between my country and South Africa, and likewise to remind you that Argentina has fully respected all decisions adopted by the Security Council and the General Assembly with regard to these matters.

Therefore, any comments made on the basis of personal speculations and vague references to newspaper reports on statements attributed to Argentine military officials which do not reflect the policy of the Government of my country are lacking in seriousness and good faith and are the responsibility solely of the source from which they emanate.

In addition, while it does not behoove delegations to make any comment on this occasion on the foreign policy of States Members of the United Nations mentioned at the Seminar, I wish to state once again that the Argentine people and Government are fully convinced that peace and justice will be established in southern Africa when Namibia is able genuinely to exercise its right to national self-determination and independence with full territorial integrity, without conditions or restrictions, in accordance with Security Council resolution 435 (1978), and when the apartheid régime, a reproach and a disgrace to the conscience of the modern world with its longing for peace, justice and development, has been eliminated once and for all.

This position of my Government was recently set forth unequivocally in the Joint Communiqué issued by the Government of the Argentine Republic and the Mission of the United Nations Council for Namibia at Buenos Aires on 12 May 1982, as also in the message addressed to you on 27 October 1982 by His Excellency the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Religious Worship of Argentina on the occasion of the Week of Solidarity with the People of Namibia and its liberation movement, the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO).

The Argentine Republic, in accordance with its tradition of respect for the resolutions of the United Nations, will support any action carried out by the United Nations to eliminate colonialism in all its form and every kind of racial discrimination from the earth.

In view of the foregoing, and in support of the responsible work being done by the United Nations Council for Namibia, I should appreciate it if you would have this note incorporated in the report of the Council to be submitted at the current thirty-seventh session of the General Assembly, or the report to be submitted at the thirty-eighth session.

At the same time, I should like to inform you that this Mission will request that a note similar to this one should be circulated as a document of this year's General Assembly in connection with item 32, Question of Namibia.

In conclusion, let me state that the Argentine Mission deeply regrets that the United Nations Council for Namibia should be used as a means of disseminating false and inaccurate statements on my country's foreign policy based on tendentious information put about in bad faith and taken up by an individual in his private capacity. The Argentine Republic always has been and will continue to be ready to give its fullest co-operation to the Council over which you preside in order to make clear its position with regard to any new situation which may arise, like this one, in the future.

I take this opportunity to convey to you the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Carlos Manuel MUNIZ
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
