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INFORMATION FROM NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES
TRANSMITTED UNDER ARTICLE 73 e OF THE CHARTER

General questions relating to the transmission and
examination of information

1. The Secretary-General of the United Nations has received the following communication, dated 14 April 1958, from the Permanent Mission of Spain to the United Nations.

The Permanent Mission of Spain to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, in connexion with the provisions of Article 73 of the United Nations Charter, has the honour to inform him of the following:

It is a well-known fact that, by the the Declaration of Madrid of 7 April 1956, the Spanish Government recognized the independence of Morocco, thus terminating the Protectorate exercised by Spain over certain zones of that country under the Madrid Agreement of 27 December 1912. At that time, the Spanish Government reiterated its desire to respect the territorial unity of the Moroccan Empire as guaranteed by the international treaties. The northern zone of the former Spanish Protectorate in Morocco was transferred to the administration of the Moroccan authorities during the month of July 1956. As a result of conversations recently held between the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Spain and Morocco, starting on 10 April, Spain has completed the transfer to the Moroccan authorities of the former southern zone of the Spanish Protectorate in Morocco, which, in conformity with article 2 of the Agreement of 27 December 1912 is an area bounded by the sea, the river Draa, the meridian 11° west of Paris and parallel 27.40° N.,

and has been administered by Spain since 1916, the year in which it was effectively occupied. With the restoration to the Moroccan Government authorities of the former southern zone of the Protectorate, the Spanish Government considers its task accomplished and is assisting the Moroccan authorities to take possession of the zone, for the transfer of which Spain has always been prepared. The process of the unification of Morocco, as a consequence of its independence, is thus completed as far as Spain is concerned.

With reference to the letter addressed by the Secretary-General to the new Members of the Organization, in connexion with Article 73 of the United Nations Charter,^{1/} the Permanent Mission of Spain has pleasure in informing the Secretary-General that the Spanish authorities are preparing the Spanish Government's reply to that communication. The Permanent Mission of Spain ventures to draw the Secretary-General's attention to the statement of the Spanish representative at the 670th meeting, held on 14 October 1957, of the Fourth Committee of the General Assembly, at its twelfth session.

The Permanent Mission of Spain takes this opportunity to confirm the statements made by the representative of Spain on that occasion, and to announce that the reply of Spain, now under consideration, will shortly be transmitted to the Secretary-General, and that it will be in keeping with the spirit of the United Nations Charter.

^{1/} A/C.4/331.