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PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES BETWEEN STATES

Letter dated 16 November 1982 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of Venezuela to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I beg to refer to document A/36/447 of 21 September 1981, in which Venezuela made a few observations on the item "Peaceful settlement of disputes between States", and in particular on the Manila Declaration, which my country believes is an important step towards the development of international law and which was adopted by consensus both in the Sixth Committee and in plenary meeting of the General Assembly, by resolution 37/10 of 15 November 1982.

With respect to the references to the International Court of Justice in the Manila Declaration, I wish to inform you that article 129 of the Constitution of Venezuela provides that "In international treaties, conventions and agreements concluded by the Republic, there shall be inserted a clause whereby the parties undertake to decide by peaceful means recognized in international law or previously agreed by them, if such is the case, any disputes that may arise between the parties concerning their interpretation or execution, if this is appropriate and the procedure to be followed for their conclusion so permits."

I shall be grateful if you will arrange for this communication to be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item 122.

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