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Letter dated 17 June 1988 from the Permanent Representative
of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the pleasure to transmit to you herewith the text of a press release issued on 17 June 1988 by the Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Public Worship (see annex). The press release denies the false reports published in London and circulated by the British agency Reuters regarding an alleged sale of aircraft to South Africa.

I should be grateful if this note and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 36 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council, and if they could also be brought to the attention of the Special Committee against Apartheid.

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ANNEX

Press release issued in Buenos Aires on 17 June 1988 by the
Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Public Worship

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Public Worship categorically denies the reports published in London and circulated world-wide by the British agency Reuters that Argentina is about to sell Mirage III aircraft to the Government of South Africa.

Such reports are false and seek to distort the position of the Argentine Republic with regard to its foreign policy.

Argentina's policy towards the racist régime of South Africa is clear and consistent. It scrupulously abides by the arms embargo provided for in Security Council resolution 418 (1977), and decided to sever diplomatic relations with Pretoria in May 1986.
