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Letter dated 21 July 1988 from the Permanent Representative of
Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement issued on
21 July 1988 by the spokesman of the Foreign Ministry of Japan on the agreement on
principles for a peaceful settlement in south-west Africa.

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the present letter and its
annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 36 of
the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Statement on principles for a peaceful settlement in south-west Africa issued on 21 July 1988 by the spokesman of the Foreign Ministry of Japan

1. The Government of Japan welcomes the agreement released on 20 July by the Governments of the People's Republic of Angola, the Republic of Cuba and the Republic of South Africa on the principles for a peaceful settlement in south-west Africa.

The Government of Japan also highly appreciates the role the Government of the United States played as a mediator, and will continue to support its playing such a role.

2. The present agreement marks an important step toward the stabilization of the region, and Japan hopes that further progress will be made on negotiations among the parties concerned.

3. Japan strongly hopes that termination of the illegal administration of Namibia by South Africa and the transfer of power to the people of Namibia will take place speedily.

In this connection, the Government of Japan confirms that it is prepared to participate in the United Nations Transition Assistance Group to be based on Security Council resolution 435 (1978), with a view to contributing to the monitoring of a cease-fire and fair and free elections, and to consider providing the group with materials and equipment.
