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Note verbale dated 10 August 1988 from the Permanent Mission  
of the United States to the United Nations addressed to the  
Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to enclose the joint statement issued on 8 August 1988 by the Governments of the People's Republic of Angola, the Republic of Cuba, the Republic of South Africa, and the United States of America, and to request that the text of this statement be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 29 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Joint statement issued on 8 August 1988 by the Governments of  
Angola, Cuba, South Africa and the United States of America

Delegations of the People's Republic of Angola, the Republic of Cuba, the Republic of South Africa, and the United States of America met from 2 to 5 August 1988, in Geneva, Switzerland, to continue their efforts to find a peaceful solution for the conflict in southwestern Africa.

Building on progress made at London, Cairo, and New York, the negotiations in Geneva were detailed, positive, and productive. The delegations of Angola, Cuba, and South Africa agreed on a sequence of steps necessary to prepare the way for the independence of Namibia in accordance with Security Council resolution 435 (1978), and to achieve peace in southwestern Africa.

They agreed to recommend to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the date of 1 November 1988 for the beginning of the implementation of Security Council resolution 435 (1978). The parties approved, ad referendum to their respective Governments, the text of a tripartite agreement that embodies, in binding treaty form, the principles negotiated at Governor's Island in New York City and formally approved by Governments on 20 July 1988. On their side, Angola and Cuba reiterate their decision to subscribe to a bilateral accord which will include a timetable acceptable to all parties for the staged and total withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola. The parties have undertaken to reach agreement on this timetable by 1 September 1988.

The parties approved a comprehensive series of practical steps that will enhance mutual confidence, reduce the risk of military confrontation, and create the conditions in the region necessary to conclude the negotiations. With the approval of these measures, a de facto cessation of hostilities is now in effect. The full effects of these measures will become apparent in the weeks ahead.

The next round of negotiations at the level of senior officials will take place during the week of 22 August, with the exact date and venue to be established. All the delegations expressed their appreciation for the superb facilities and support extended by the Government of Switzerland.

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