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QUESTION OF NAMIBIA

Letter dated 25 October 1988 from the Permanent Representative of
Greece to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement on Namibia made on 24 October 1988 by the Twelve States members of the European Community.

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the present letter and the attached text circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item 29.

(Signed) Constantine ZEPOS
Ambassador

ANNEX

Statement on Namibia issued on 24 October 1988 by the Twelve
States members of the European Community

The Twelve remain committed to Namibia's independence in accordance with the United Nations settlement plan endorsed by Security Council resolution 435 (1978) and have repeatedly called for its implementation without further delay or conditions. In this respect, they reiterate their whole-hearted support for the important role and efforts of the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

The Twelve express their satisfaction at the ongoing negotiations between Angola, Cuba and South Africa, mediated by the United States, which they support, and are gratified with the encouraging progress achieved so far. It is their wish that these developments will make the early implementation of Security Council resolution 435 (1978) possible.

The Community and its member States have already provided the Namibian people with assistance in various fields, including educational, training and professional secondment aid, humanitarian aid and self-help projects in favour of Namibian refugees, as well as support for victims of apartheid there. They reiterate their readiness to continue and, if necessary, expand their aid to the Namibian people with a view to securing a smooth transition to independence.

Furthermore, the Community and its member States reaffirm their intention to assist Namibia economically in a substantial way once it becomes independent. In this connection, they are looking forward to receiving from an independent Namibia an application for association in the Lomé Convention.
