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REPORT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL CONCERNING EQUATORIAL GUINEA

This report is based on information received from my Representative in Equatorial Guinea.

1. The complete withdrawal of all Spanish Armed Forces stationed in the territory of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea and the simultaneous departure from the country of all Spanish citizens who had expressed a wish to leave, was concluded on Saturday, 5 April, with the signing of the following document:

"The representatives of the Governments of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea and of Spain, assembled in the presence of the representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, declare that, in obedience to the wishes of His Excellency the President of Equatorial Guinea, the peaceful and orderly evacuation of the Spanish Armed Forces stationed in the territory of the Republic since 12 October 1968 by agreement between the two Governments has been concluded on this date.

"The representatives recognize the facilities which have been provided at the same time by the Government of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea for the departure of the Spanish nationals who had voluntarily expressed a wish to return to Spain.

"Both operations have been carried out through the agency of representatives of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and through the friendly collaboration of the Governments of Spain and the Republic of Equatorial Guinea."

The document was signed for Equatorial Guinea by the Vice-President, Edmundo Bosio Dioco, and the Acting Minister of Defense and Interior, Jesús Alfonso Oyono; and for Spain by the Chargé d'affaires, Ambassador Emilio Pan de Soraluce, and the Chief of the Spanish Armed Forces, Colonel Eduardo Alarcón Aguirre. The document was witnessed by the Representative of the Secretary-General.

2. No incidents were registered during the withdrawal operations both at Río Muni and Fernando Póo.

3. The operation involved two military transports, two frigates and a number of supporting units, aside from three passenger ships carrying approximately 371 Spanish citizens and their belongings, including 354 vehicles. Since 1 March, there have been 3,761 passengers who have left by air, according to the carrier's records.

4. The remaining Spanish population appears calm.
