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LETTER DATED 8 APRIL 1969 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
SPAIN ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

In accordance with the specific instructions which I have just received from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Spain, I have pleasure in informing you that the Spanish Government, in response to the request of the Government of Equatorial Guinea, has proceeded to withdraw the Spanish armed forces which have been stationed in that country since 12 October 1968 by agreement between the two States.

At the same time I should like to draw your attention to the fact that the evacuation of those forces, like that of the Spanish civilians who had voluntarily expressed a desire to leave the territory of Equatorial Guinea, has been carried out in an orderly and peaceful manner through the agency of your Special Representative, Ambassador Marcial Tamayo, and the members of your mission, who at all times strove to overcome difficulties, facilitate a rapprochement and promote goodwill on both sides. The Spanish Government instructs me to express its gratitude to you once again for your prompt and generous action in sending your representative and the assistants who accompanied him, and wishes to emphasize that they all showed themselves to be motivated by the highest spirit of impartiality and dedication.

As it enters upon a new phase in the history of its relations with Equatorial Guinea, the Spanish Government wishes to reaffirm its willingness to consider any proposals for assistance and collaboration which the Government of that new member of the Hispanic Community of Nations may wish to put before it.

I should be grateful if you would circulate this note as a document of the Security Council.

Accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) Jaime de PINIÉS  
Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Spain  
to the United Nations

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