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ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to refer to my report of 17 December 1988 concerning proposed arrangements for verifying the redeployment northwards and the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola (S/20338), which was approved by the Security Council in its resolution 626 (1988) of 20 December 1988. In paragraph 12 (a) of my report, I stated that I would seek the Council's very early consent to the appointment of the Chief Military Observer and to the composition of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (UNAVEM).

Having now completed my consultations with the parties, and following the signature today of the tripartite agreement between the People's Republic of Angola, the Republic of Cuba and the Republic of South Africa, and the bilateral agreement between the People's Republic of Angola and the Republic of Cuba, as a result of which the arrangements for the establishment of UNAVEM entered into force, I propose that UNAVEM be composed of contingents from the following Member States, all of whom have expressed their readiness in principle to make the necessary military personnel available: Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, Congo, Czechoslovakia, India, Jordan, Norway, Spain and Yugoslavia.

It is also my intention, with the consent of the Council, to appoint Brigadier-General Péricles Ferreira Gomes (Brazil) as Chief Military Observer of UNAVEM.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Javier PEREZ de CUELLAR