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Letter dated 19 December 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 declaration made by the Twelve States members of the European Community on the Protocol of Brazzaville, issued, in English and in French, at Athens on 16 December 1988.

I should be grateful if you could arrange to have the present letter and the attached declaration circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 29, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Constantine D. ZEPOS
Ambassador

ANNEX

Declaration on the Protocol of Brazzaville issued at Athens
on 16 December 1988 by the Twelve States members of the
European Community

The Twelve welcome the important Protocol of Agreement signed at Brazzaville on 13 December 1988 by Angola, Cuba and South Africa with the mediation of the United States, which brings the independence of Namibia on the basis of the United Nations Security Council resolution 435 (1978) closer than ever before. They pay tribute to the constructive spirit and efforts of the parties involved as well as of all those who have contributed to making possible the remarkable progress achieved so far. They also express their appreciation and support for the significant role of the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

The Twelve have always been firmly and consistently committed to Namibia's independence in accordance with the United Nations settlement plan endorsed by Security Council resolution 435 (1978). They will do all in their power to contribute to its early implementation and to help restore conditions of peace, stability and dialogue in the entire region of southern Africa.

In this connection, they welcome the agreement on a bilateral accord between Angola and Cuba, which will include a timetable, acceptable to all parties, for the staged and total withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola.

The Community and its member States also wish to 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, they reaffirm their intention to promote economic and social development in Namibia by providing it with substantial economic assistance once it becomes independent, as well as their willingness to receive from an independent Namibia an application for accession to the Lomé Convention.
