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THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO
THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you a statement of the spokesman of the
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the German Democratic Republic concerning the armed
intervention against Grenada.

I should be grateful if you would have this statement circulated as a Security
Council document.

(Signed) Harry OTT
Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs
Permanent Representative of the
German Democratic Republic to the
United Nations

Annex

Statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the
German Democratic Republic

Units of the United States armed forces, in collaboration with contingents of Jamaica, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados and St. Vincent, attacked and militarily occupied Grenada in the early morning of 25 October. This was a ruthless violation of international law and the Charter of the United Nations and had put into practice a long-prepared plot against this country. The recent events which had taken place inside Grenada were used as a pretext for settling accounts with the Grenadian people, who, after the victory of their revolution in 1979, had chosen the path of a truly independent development. In the past few years, a number of United States figures have kept calling for a crusade against Grenada. Following the tragic events in the capital of Grenada on 19 October, the United States of America ordered a fleet of warships, including an aircraft carrier, to the shores of Grenada and clearly demonstrated its direct and unconcealed aggressive intentions. The crime committed against the people of Grenada aggravates the tensions not only in this region.

The Government and the people of the German Democratic Republic most resolutely condemn the military attack as an act of clear violation of Grenada's sovereignty. The German Democratic Republic demands the immediate withdrawal of the invaders to give the Grenadian people the opportunity to exercise again its sovereign rights.

The German Democratic Republic reaffirms its solidarity with the people of Grenada and will continue to make all-out efforts to enable it, as an equal member of the community of nations, to peacefully continue its development by exercising its sovereign rights.
